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## As Iran stands firm OPEC talks fail to take off

LONDON, March 7 (R) — OPEC ministers Monday postponed a full crisis meeting of the oil cartel after Iran said it would oppose any cut in official prices.

Indonesian Energy Minister Dr. Subroto told reporters the full meeting of all 13 members would now take place Tuesday.

Iranian Oil Minister Muhammad Gharazi told reporters after one session of talks Monday that his country would never agree to a reduction in the current \$34 a barrel official price. Last-ditch attempts were made by ministers in two separate groups Monday morning to narrow differences over price and production levels.

The reason given by Dr. Subroto for the postponement of Monday's full session was that the ministers of Gabon, Ecuador and Qatar had not arrived in London in time.

He said: "We will continue consultation this afternoon — bilaterally, trilaterally — and will meet again tomorrow morning." The Indonesian minister said no specific proposals had been arrived at. "We are still working on ideas."

Dr. Subroto said earlier the problems OPEC had to resolve formed part of the same package. It was not possible to resolve one problem without agreement on all the others.

Iran's headline position ahead of a full meeting of all 13 ministers was not unexpected, delegates said. Its Prime Minister Hossein Mousavi last week described proposals to cut the official price as a plot against Iran.

Delegates did not rule out an agreement that did not include Iran. They said the London talks were informal.

The most pressing problem remained the ministers' inability so far to accommodate individual demands for shares in OPEC's total exports. These still add up to substantially more than a proposed 17.5 million barrels a day output ceiling, the delegates said.

Informed oil sources said Britain's state oil trading company, the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC), had meanwhile told OPEC it will cut its prices further if the OPEC benchmark is dropped to below \$29.50 a barrel.



## French right trounces left in first round

PARIS, March 7 (Agencies) — For conservative leader Jacques Chirac, the results of Sunday's municipal election were an "unequivocal warning" to France's leftist government. For Socialist Party leader Lionel Jospin they showed "it's difficult to govern in times of crisis."

Though the political picture will not be clear until after next Sunday's second-round runoff to decide numerous races, one thing was certain — the opposition conservatives and centrists received more votes than the Socialists and Communists.

The election was aimed at filling 496,817 city council seats in France's 36,433 communities. But despite government efforts to restrict the contest to local issues, it developed into a national referendum of the performance of President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist-Communist government elected in 1981.

In terms of votes, the conservatives unquestionably made a strong showing and were expected to win 51.5 percent of the popular vote when final figures were announced late Monday morning. The left figured to win 46.5 percent. That would be an almost exact turnaround from the last municipal election six years ago.

Both sides urged their followers to turn out massively for the second round — the conservatives to "make the warning more rigorous," as Chirac said, and the left to show "this wave stops there," in the words of Jospin.

The week-long campaign between the two rounds promised to be vigorous and it seems certain that economic issues, which dominated the earlier campaign would continue to be the focus.

Meanwhile, the French government let the franc fall Monday to a record low against the mark in the European Monetary System (EMS) in a bid to avoid a further devaluation, Finance Ministry sources said.

Dealers here and in Frankfurt said France would press instead for an upward revaluation of the strong West German currency.

## As nonaligned summit begins

# New economic order need of the hour, Indira says

NEW DELHI, March 7 (Agencies) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi launched the Third World's biggest political gathering Monday, urging the United States and the Soviet Union to abandon nuclear weapons.

She also appealed to Iran and Iraq to end the 30-month-old Gulf war, lambasted Israel and South Africa, and called for "early normalcy" in Afghanistan, where an estimated 105,000 Soviet troops are fighting Mujahideen.

A major thrust of Mrs. Gandhi's speech was the desperate economic plight of developing nations and the need for long-term international financial reform.

She said there was an urgent need for an international conference on money and finance which was not weighted in favor of the rich industrial states to rewrite the "out of date, inequitable and inadequate" world monetary and financial system.

Mrs. Gandhi's themes set the tone for political and economic declarations by the five-day summit, attended by nearly 70 heads of state or government leaders.

Mrs. Gandhi was addressing the seventh nonaligned summit, grouping leaders from countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and



SUMMIT: Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi seen addressing leaders of nonaligned states at the opening of the summit in New Delhi on Monday.

Europe which profess neutrality between power blocs led by Washington and Moscow. She focused on the twin dangers of global economic collapse and annihilation through nuclear war. She urged the nuclear powers "to give up the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons in any circumstances, suspend all nuclear weapons tests and the production and deployment of nuclear weapons."

Referring to the nuclear threat, Mrs. Gandhi declared: "The hood of the cobra is (Continued on back page)"

## 100 die as boat sinks in Khulna

DHAKA, March 7 (R) — More than 100 persons were feared drowned after an overloaded motor boat sank Sunday night in the River Rupsa near Khulna town in southern Bangladesh, police said.

A survivor who swam ashore when the boat capsized after hitting a rock said he saw 11 bodies recovered by a rescue team. A senior official in Khulna said he feared many people had been trapped inside the boat when it turned over.

## Mubarak, Hussein break ice

NEW DELHI, March 7 (Agencies) — The leaders of Egypt and Jordan met for the first time Monday since Egypt was ostracized by the Arab world in 1979 for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

Egyptian Foreign Undersecretary Osama El-Baz, who is accompanying Mubarak, said the meeting lasted for two hours. He said Hussein and Mubarak had chatted at a garden party reception given by Indian President Zail Singh and had left together. The meeting took place at the Egyptian leader's residence.

El-Baz said Mubarak and Hussein discussed Arab issues, notably the Palestinian problem, Israeli occupation of Lebanon and the war between Iraq and Iran.

But El-Baz took pains to emphasize that the Hussein-Mubarak session "will not produce a particular development and has no special significance" — an oblique way of saying it did not mean a Jordanian decision to resume diplomatic relations soon.

"It was a brotherly meeting held in the framework of fraternal ties between Egypt and Arab people generally," El-Baz said.

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Hosni Mubarak

## World's elite attends opening ceremony

NEW DELHI, March 7 (AP) — Young King Jigme Singye Wangchuk of the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan extended his hand across a row of seats to King Birendra of the Himalayan kingdom of Nepal for a symbolic summit handshake.

Forty other kings, presidents and sheikhs, two commando chiefs, 26 prime ministers and 30 other leaders meanwhile emerged from the wings and took their places on the gold-colored stage of New Delhi's Vigyan Bhawan hall.

Applause rippled through the audience of 1,500 as Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, in a yellow and green sari, and Cuban President Fidel Castro, in a dressy commander-in-chief uniform instead of his customary fatigues, appeared on stage.

A late arrival, Prime Minister Phan Van Dong of Vietnam, rushed in, was hugged by Castro, then took his seat. The mass summit of the nonaligned nations, representing nearly half the world's people, was on.

Facing the audience and with his back to the kings and presidents — who were also facing the audience and the television cameras — Castro began talking in Spanish. His African, Asian, Arab and European listeners reached for earphones carrying simultaneous translations in English, French and Arabic.

United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who occupied one of the corner seats in the array of summit leaders on stage, is from Peru and did not require earphones for the Spanish.

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## Reagan, allies hail Kohl's win

LONDON, March 7 (R) — President Reagan led NATO leaders Sunday night in congratulating West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl on a stunning election triumph that reaffirmed basic Western policy on nuclear missiles.

Reagan, in a telephone call soon after the Chancellor Helmut Kohl, was defeated in his home constituency. It was the third consecutive time (1976, 1980, 1983) that Kohl had failed to be elected to parliament from his home district.

full extent of the Christian Democratic Party chief's victory became clear, told Kohl he looked forward to their continuing to work together, a White House spokesman said.

Elsewhere, Western diplomats said the outcome of West Germany's general elections assured Bonn's continued support for the basing of new U.S. missiles in Europe if U.S.-Soviet arms negotiations fail to produce results.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, a fellow conservative like Reagan, and Italian Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani were among the first to congratulate Kohl.

Kohl Monday began the difficult task of choosing a foreign minister without angering his coalition partners.

Hans-Dietrich Genscher, head of the small Liberal Free Democrats (FDP), has been foreign minister since 1974 and has made it clear he expects to keep the job.

## Moscow warns Bonn of retaliation

MOSCOW, March 7 (R) — The Soviet Union Monday sternly warned West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl that Moscow would retaliate if he went ahead with plans to deploy U.S. missiles.

In a swift and sharp reaction to Kohl's victory in election, the Soviet news agency Tass declared: "deployment of the U.S. missiles in West Germany would invariably complicate the entire complex of relations between West Germany and the Soviet Union. Such a step would promote mistrust and suspicion as well as complicating all other contacts."

The Tass warning was one of three separate commentaries — the two others were by the semi-official Novosti Agency — which reflected evident surprise and bitterness in Moscow over the triumph of Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU).

The main thrust of all of them was a warning to Kohl that he should not regard the victory as an endorsement of his support for deploying new U.S. missiles in Europe if current Soviet-American talks in Geneva do not succeed.

Western diplomats had speculated that the



SMILE OF TRIUMPH: West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl is applauded by supporters in Bonn following CDU's victory.

## Final party position

BONN, March 7 (R) — Following was the official provisional result of Sunday West German general election, announced by the Federal Elections Office (1980 percentages in brackets):

CDU and CSU	48.8 (44.5)
SPD	38.2 (42.9)
FDP	6.9 (10.6)
Greens	5.6 (1.5)
Others	0.5 (0.5)

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## Somalia seeking panel to foster trade links

By Suresh Shah  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 7 — Somalia has proposed the establishment of a high-level Saudi Arabian-Somali economic committee to deal with the problems affecting traditional livestock trade in particular and to boost Saudi investment in joint ventures in general, according to Somali Minister of Commerce Muhammad Omar Jama.

Jama is leading a high-level delegation to discuss with Saudi Arabian ministers and officials the decline in livestock exports to Saudi Arabia and seek to increase Saudi investment in Somali livestock, fisheries, agriculture, tourism and agro-based industries.

"My government was worried about the gradual decline in our share of livestock market in Saudi Arabia arising from keen competition by non-Arab countries, whose share was increasing," Jama told Arab News.

Saudi Arabia is a traditional market for Somalia's livestock. Somalia's livestock industry provides nearly 90 percent of its export earnings in the form of live animals, meat products, hides and skin, and about 60 percent of its population is engaged in livestock raising specifically on the rangelands, he added.

Jama said 80 percent of his country's livestock is exported to Saudi Arabia. Last year Somalia exported 1.3 million sheep and goats worth SR350 million of the total export trade worth SR400 million, to the Kingdom. The Kingdom imported a total of 5.3 million sheep and goats last year, of which imports from Somalia were worth 1.3 million, accounting for only 25 percent of the total market, compared with 81.9 percent in 1971, 60.9 percent in 1976 and 19.3 percent in 1981.



Muhammad Omar Jama

Saudi Arabian imports of small ruminant have increased considerably from 1.77 million in 1977 to 5.59 million in 1981, and the market expanded considerably due to a higher purchasing power and increased population, but "our share gradually came down," said Jama.

Jama said the two major factors that affected the Somali small ruminant in the Saudi market were the subsidy for the slaughtered meat and "dumping by the Australian exporters of merino sheep after the harvest of wool."

"We had very meaningful and cordial talks with the authorities here and had full understanding of the problem. They expressed their desire to cooperate in our bid to promote trade and industry," he added.

## SAMBA holds seminar on banking

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 7 — Fifteen contracting companies, mostly Saudi, joined an all-day seminar here Monday organized by the Saudi American Bank (Samba). The seminar, which was held at the Intercontinental hotel here, is intended to put the bank's specialized knowledge at the disposal of its customers and to strengthen the relationship between the businessmen and bankers.

The seminar covered the topics of traditional bank services such as letters of credit, guarantees and collections, the role of corporate customer, syndicated loan services, which includes the Samba link to services

for corporate customers, enabling the businessmen to monitor bank account and obtain up-to-date information on foreign exchange and money markets.

Speakers at the seminar were: Hafid Alawi, Christopher Stagg, Michel Austin and Toufic Kassar, all from the Saudi American Bank. They centered their deliberations on ways of optimizing the bank's available services.

The bank has organized similar seminars before like the one on imports and exports in Jeddah last year. Some four or five other seminars on different subjects are planned in the near future.

## SR125m water contract awarded

RIYADH, March 7 (SPA) — Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, the minister of agriculture and water, has signed a SR125.5 million contract with a national firm for the construction and maintenance of a water purification unit to serve Rafha and neighboring villages.

Earlier Sunday, Al-Sheikh licensed agricultural and livestock projects totaling SR73.4 million in various areas of Saudi Arabia.

The first SR17.8 million project in Al-Kharj calls for the production of 1.2 million eggs per year. The second SR10.8 million project in the same area provides for the production of 1,500 tons of grapes a year. The third SR39.7 million project calls for livestock breeding at Wadi Al-Dawaser. It involves some 1,750 head of cattle. The fourth SR5.4 million project at Al-Jouf calls for the breeding of 1,670 head of sheep and goats.

## BRIEFS

**Qur'an reading contest**  
MAKKAH (SPA) — Deputizing for King Fahd, Makkah Governor Prince Majed will open, March 15, the international Qur'an reading, modulation and interpretation competition at the Islamic Solidarity Hall here. Prizes totalling some SR1 million will be awarded to the winners. Competitors have been invited to come from all Islamic countries and Islamic

organizations. All travel, accommodation and internal transport expenses will be covered by the Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments.

**Industrial security seminar**  
RIYADH (SPA) — The first seminar on "industrial security" organized by the Secretariat of the Higher Industrial Security Council resumed its meeting here Monday.

## SWCC envisages research and training program for Saudis

## Kingdom emerges world leader in sea water desalination

By K.S. Ramkumar  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 7 — Sea water desalination — the only source of water for the Kingdom in the absence of rivers and adequate ground water sources — was discussed at the recently-concluded seminar, held as part of the five-day Water Technology '83 Exhibition, here.

Explaining the role of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC) in carrying out the ambitious development plans, SWCC's Deputy Governor for Technical Affairs and Projects Isam M.R. Jamjoom, who initiated the discussion, said the Kingdom embarked on the plan of producing abundant and good quality water by tapping the Arabian Gulf and Red Sea water sources through construction of sea water desalination plants.

"The growth of the desalination industry in the Kingdom has surpassed all expectations making it a world leader in this field," Jamjoom said. Tracing the background against which the plan was envisaged, Jamjoom said it began with the establishment of a directorate in the Ministry of Agriculture and Water in 1965 and constructing two desalination units in remote locations of the Kingdom on the Red Sea coast producing 60,000 gallons per day in 1968 by using the multistage flash (MSF) distillation technology.

The technology has been in use in the Kingdom for a considerable period of time with a proven record of reliability and efficiency, although several improvements have taken place during these years to make it more reliable and dependable such as improved designs, materials of construction and scale control techniques.

The largest capacity plants designed till 1970 were of 2.5 million gallons per day (mgd) but with the improvements in design, the largest single units now available in the market are up to 8 mgd, although SWCC is using 6 mgd units as a standard on its new plants.

Listing the distinct economic advantages in dual purpose desalination plants — producing water and electricity, Jamjoom said the first desalination plant of this kind was constructed in 1970 in Jeddah producing 5 mgd of water and 50 megawatts (Mw) of electricity. This plant has two MSF units of 2.5 mgd operating at 120 degrees centigrade using sulfuric acid as the sole controlling agent. An additional gas turbine of 20 Mw capacity was installed for emergency. The power plant has two boilers and two turbine units producing 25 Mw each.

The SWCC, after careful technical and economic studies of the single purpose and dual purpose plants, Jamjoom said, came to the conclusion that for plants producing more than 2.5 mgd single units, it was preferable to install dual purpose plants.

The reasons cited in favor of this conclusion were that such plants share the same steam generating plant; they can supply each other's needs — the desalination plant can replace the boiler feed loss and the power plant can provide the electricity needed for the pumps in the desalination plant; and the desalination plant brine heater makes it possible to use a smaller steam condenser in the power plant than will otherwise be needed.

It is, therefore, important to properly design dual purpose plants to minimize the total costs and realize net gains in both power and water production costs in comparison with single purpose desalination or power plants, Jamjoom said adding that it is obvious that fuel, maintenance and operation costs should be optimized against desalination and power plant capital costs.

In fact, he said, the SWCC conducted a survey to determine the requirements for power and water not only on the coastal cities and villages but from all over the Kingdom. This helped the corporation to properly plan the location of plants and meet the demands of the cities and villages.

The SWCC is now producing 486 mgd of water and about 2,900 Mw of power from its operating plants, Jamjoom said and added that at present the corporation has 17 plants located along the Red Sea coast from Haql in

the North to the Farasan Islands in the South, producing 132.9 mgd of water and 1,104.77 Mw of power.

The Haql plant is a single purpose one using the MSF process producing 145,000 gpd water. The second phase of this plant, now under construction, is planned to produce 1.5 mgd using the Reverse Osmosis (RO) process.

Duba was one of the first places in the Kingdom to receive desalinated water when the SWCC installed a 60,000 gpd plant in 1978 using the MSF process. The second phase of this plant is also a single purpose plant using the MSF process which produces 145,000 gpd water. The third phase of this project is now under construction and will produce 1 mgd water using the RO process.

The Al-Wajh plant like Duba was the first place to receive desalinated water with the installation of a 60,000 gpd water MSF plant in 1968. The second phase is identical to the Duba phase 2 plant producing 145,000 gpd water.

The Ummluj plant, built in 1974, is a cross tube brine recirculation MSF plant whose capacity is 145,000 gpd. The steam source for the desalting plant is from a package boiler fired using Bunker 'C' fuel oil. The site facilities include oil, diesel and water storage tanks, offices, warehouse, maintenance shop and housing for the operating and maintenance personnel.

The Yanbu-Madinah desalination and power plant, located 30 kilometers south of the Yanbu town, produces 28 mgd water and 250 Mw electricity through its five desalination and power units. This plant provides water through pipelines to the town of Yanbu and the city of Madinah.

Near the SWCC's first dual purpose plant constructed in 1970 called the Jeddah phase one is the Jeddah phase two, also a dual purpose plant which came on stream in 1978 with a capacity of 11.4 mgd water and 84 Mw power. It has four 2.86 mgd water capacity, long-tube brine recirculation MSF units. The sea water feed is done through a submarine pipe which extends beyond the reef. Chlorine is injected at intake to eliminate biological and marine growth in the feed system.

The other equipment on the site includes diesel generator, power plant auxiliary equipment, tanks for storage of fuel oil, acid, diesel, product water.

The Jeddah phase three, located adjacent to the Jeddah phase two, is a dual purpose plant with 4 MSF units of about 6 mgd water capacity and 4 boilers and turbines, producing 200 Mw power. Adjacent to it is the Jeddah phase four which is also a dual purpose plant with 10 MSF units of about 6 mgd water capacity equipped with five boilers and turbo-generator sets each producing 100 Mw.

A novel feature of Jeddah phase four, Jamjoom said, is its sophisticated instrumentation, control and computer system. The computer system is used mainly for data logging, equipment efficiency calculations and assistance of the operator in the optimization of performance.

On the site of the Jeddah plant is located the first and the largest sea water Reverse Osmosis Desalination facility. This plant has been in operation since the beginning of 1979, its capacity being to produce 3.2 mgd water. The power for the sea water RO feed

## ROC Embassy official leaves Jeddah March 17

JEDDAH, March 7 — Yahya Moosa Wang, secretary in the press counselor's office in the embassy of the Republic of China, who has immensely contributed to the familiarization of his country to the people of the Kingdom, leaves for home March 17 at the expiry of his duties here.

Wang worked here for five years during which he was particularly responsible for promoting good relations between the embassy and the Kingdom's mass media.

Before departing for Taipei, Wang and family plan to visit Makkah to perform "Umra."



DESALINATION: A typical desalination plant in the Kingdom producing drinking water in the absence of flowing rivers and adequate ground water sources. The growth of the desalination industry has surpassed all expectations in the Kingdom which has emerged as a world leader in this field.

pumps is provided by diesel engines. Jamjoom said the SWCC is also providing desalinated water to the Farasan Islands, south of the Red Sea. The plant consists of two MSF units of 66,000 gpd water.

Along the Arabian Gulf coast, the number of operating plants is six, located from Al-Khafji in the north to Al-Khobar in the south with a production capacity of about 354 mgd water and 1,750 Mw power.

Due to an acute water shortage in the Al-Khafji town in 1976, the SWCC started a rush project by installing five units with a capacity of 330,000 gallons per day.

The Jubail phase one is a dual purpose plant and MSF units producing 6 mgd water and 350 Mw power. Adjacent to it is the Jubail phase two, "the world's largest dual purpose desalination facility." There are 40 desalination units, each producing 6,240,000 gpd water at 90 degrees centigrade. The production can be increased when operating at higher temperature.

The power plant consists of 10 boilers and 10 gas turbines. Each of these turbines operates an electric generator producing about 129.5 Mw electricity. Out of the total production of 1,295 Mw electricity, the plant, its auxiliaries, housing compound and the pumping station for the Riyadh Water Transmission System consume about 395 Mw. The remaining 900 Mw power is added to the Eastern Province network.

The facility also includes treatment plant for product water, to make it palatable for drinking and make it passive during its transfer by the addition of lime.

There are large fuel tanks, containing enough fuel to last one month, fire extinguishing pumps for the whole project, and a plant for generating hydrogen to be used for cooling electric generators.

A huge housing facility is also provided for the operating and maintenance staff working on these plants. "The Jubail phase two water production will be transferred to Riyadh through a pipeline to become one of the largest high pressure systems in the world," Jamjoom said.

The Al-Khobar phase one is a single purpose 7.5 mgd water, long tube brine recycle MSF desalting plant located at Aziziah, south of the city. The plant, in operation since 1973, has three desalting units of 2.5 mgd water at a maximum brine temperature of 244 degrees F each with acid injection for alkaline scale control. The package boilers are fired using natural gas available from the nearby oil field.

In addition to the desalination and power plants, the SWCC is providing water to inland

regions by means of pipelines. A 32-inch diameter 176-kilometer long pipeline from the Yanbu-Madinah desalination and power plant serves Madinah Munawwara and runs through the mountains.

One of the major pipeline systems has been completed and is now in operation from Jubail to Riyadh high point terminal, 690 meters above sea level and about 35 kilometers east of Riyadh.

Jamjoom said since the availability of local manpower on technical level is low, the SWCC's two research, development and training centers are under construction in Jubail and Yanbu. They are aimed at giving high priority to train Saudi Arabian personnel to operate and maintain the operating plants.

The Jubail R.D.&T center facility, located on 35,000 square meters of land at the world's largest desalination and power plant site, will have separate research and development, and training areas. The R&D has four laboratories and four research labs for pilot plants. These will be utilized to solve the problems in existing plants such as corrosion, materials behavior, testing and evaluation of new technologies, improvement in the design of existing technologies, evaluation of all RO membranes available in the market and pretreatment systems. The basic emphasis is on applied research to give reliable technological processes and lower production costs.

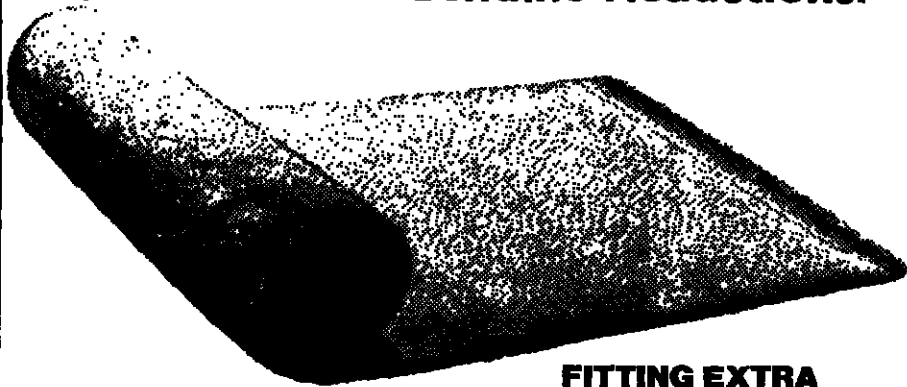
The training facility here is for 700 students at a time. Several laboratories and workshops have been planned — five language and five science laboratories, and shops for welding, pipe, mechanics and millwright, machine, electrical, instrumentation and electronics, engine and boiler and heat exchanger.

In addition to research on MSF, RO and materials and corrosion in Yanbu, training will be imparted to 300 students every year in the trades required for operating and maintaining desalination and power plants.

"These training facilities will enable us to have the local technical manpower in the years to come, gradually reducing and finally eliminating our dependence on foreign manpower," Jamjoom said and added: "We are also sending our engineering staff to the technologically developed countries for higher studies and on-the-job training. This not only increases their capabilities but also helps us to be informed of the latest technological developments and their efficient application at our existing plants and future plans."

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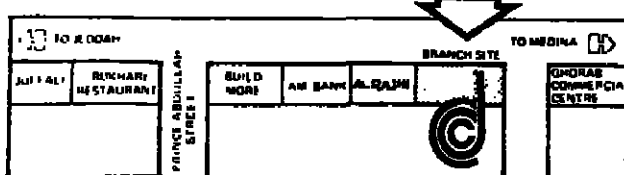


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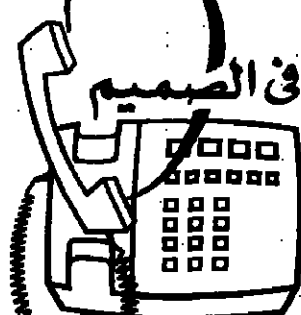
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## To improve business efficiency

## Jeddah Chamber begins computer training course

By Suresh Shah  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 7 — The Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry has launched a five-day computer training program for businessmen, managers, company executives and managers of finance, personnel and storage departments.

Nearly 30 participants are attending this program, which will come to an end on March 9. It is part of various training programs the chamber plans to hold this year to improve efficiency needed for the fast expanding trade

and industrial sectors, according to the chamber secretary-general, Abdullah Dahlan.

The program aims to introduce computer as one of the administrative units in the business organization. It covers the definition and application of data, its generation and how it can be useful in taking management decisions. It also deals with technical information about the computer.

Three experts on the subject, including two specialists from Egypt, are giving lectures on various topics connected with the computer.



COMPUTER TRAINING: The Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry has organized a five-day computer training program for businessmen and executives. Shown here are the participants engrossed in a lecture session that included an audio-visual display.

## Author of four books

## Islamic scholar to visit Dhahran

By Jean Grant  
Alkhobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, March 7 — John Esposito, Islamic scholar and author of four books and a dozen articles on Islam and development, will visit Dhahran, March 15-16 as a guest of the United States Information Service (USIS). Esposito will meet Islamic scholars at Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud University in Al Hasa and the head of the Islamic Studies Department at the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran, Sobhi A. Kadi.

Esposito, who received his Ph.D. in religion with a major in Islamic Studies, credits the emergence of the Arab oil countries as economic powers, along with the political unrest in Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan, with stimulating the sudden interest in Islam in the West.

Esposito has written that the Western misunderstanding of Islam began in the first century of the Islamic era when its sudden emergence threatened the Christian world, a threat that was compounded by the Crusades. Western studies of Islam were marked by "a

cultural and religious chauvinism which viewed itself as superior to other cultural traditions." One result of such studies was that it was not realized that Islam was important to the urban intelligentsia as well as to the traditionally educated in the rural areas.

The Western tradition of separation between church and state made it difficult for Westerners to appreciate "the organic relationship between religion and the state as found in the traditional Islamic world view."

America is now aware of its lack of understanding of the Muslim world, and is introducing courses in Islamic studies in high schools and universities, wrote Esposito in an article entitled "Islam and the West."

Although this is Esposito's first visit to Saudi Arabia, he has lectured on Islam and development in Egypt, Lebanon, the subcontinent, Bahrain, and the West Bank. He is now writing a book entitled *Islam: The Straight Path of Muslim Life* to be published next year by Orbis Books.

Another visitor sponsored this month by USIS is Martha Church, President of Hood College in Frederick, Maryland.

## Prayer Times

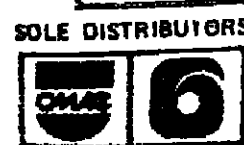
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## Finance Ministry names guarantee-worthy banks

RIYADH, March 7 (SPA) — The Ministry of Finance and National Economy, in cooperation with the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA), has drawn up a list of foreign banks from which government departments can accept guarantees in the form of checks in favor of companies with which the departments are to sign contracts.

A ministry spokesman said that the banks had been selected from amongst those enjoying a strong financial situation that renders their guarantees reliable. At the same time, the ministry reconsidered its previous list, in view of the expansion in government activities and projects extending to all sectors in the various parts of Saudi Arabia. Such an expansion made government departments

sign an ever increasing number of contracts with national and foreign firms.

The ministry also wanted to protect government projects and make sure that the execution will run smoothly. Likewise, it wished to help the companies under contract obtain the necessary guarantees for carrying out their projects.

In a separate development, according to *Al-Bilad* Monday, SAMA has notified all local banks not to accept deformed banknotes on which people have written certain expressions or made sketches. It ever a person presents such paper money to any bank, the bank will refer the person and the banknote to SAMA for necessary and adequate action.

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## Tihama plans 'Saudi Projects' show

By A Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 7 — A "Saudi Projects '83 Expo" convention on construction, public works, municipal services, urban development and major national projects will be organized by the Tihama Company of Jeddah and London under the sponsorship and supervision of the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Commerce, in Alkhobar, from April 20 through 24.

Over 40,000 square feet covered exhibition area and another 30,000 square feet open area are planned to accommodate the equipment in relevant fields from all over the world, according to a press release issued by the project manager of Saudi Projects '83, Tihama Exhibitions, London.

The Saudi Projects '83, with its wide appeal, will enjoy the support and active participation of numerous Saudi Arabian minis-

tries and government organizations, the press release said. It added that it is planned that 400 international exhibitors will be present at the show to be attended by all major contractors, businessmen, industrialists, engineers, purchasing executives, planners and policy decision-makers from Saudi Arabia and neighboring Arab Gulf states.

The show will highlight the achievements of Saudi Arabian and international companies as well as industrialists whose determined efforts have "possibly contributed equally, if not more than any other factor" to the development of the Kingdom over past decade. The results of hundreds of large and small projects of lasting importance undertaken every month, are a tribute to the Saudi Arabian private sector's remarkable effectiveness which needs to be projected, the press release added.



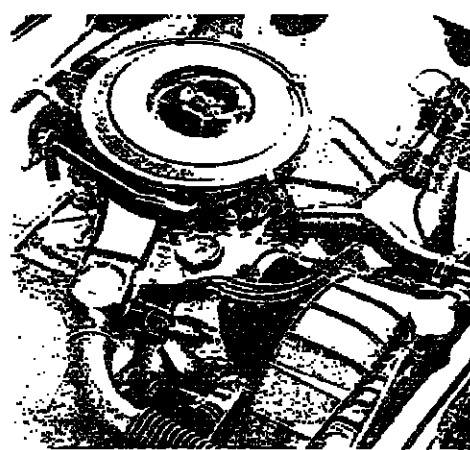
TREE WEEK: Riyadh Deputy Governor Prince Sattam Sunday morning opened the sixth Tree Planting Week in Riyadh and distributed prizes to the best farmers. After planting the first tree, Prince Sattam (third from left) said he was honored by the occasion. Underlining the importance of planting trees throughout the Kingdom, Sattam called on the citizens to take care of trees not only during afforestation campaigns but always because of the desert nature of the country and the physiological advantages of trees.

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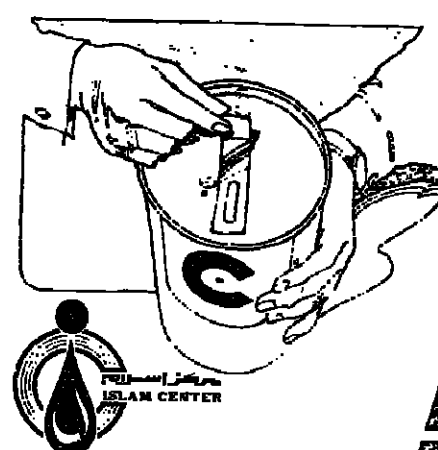
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## For Israeli pullout

## Gemayel to seek nonaligned support

NEW DELHI, March 7 (AP) — President Amin Gemayel arrived here Monday to attend the nonaligned summit conference. He is hopeful of winning international support for the withdrawal of 60,000 Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian troops from Lebanon.

Government spokesmen said in Beirut Gemayel's decision to lead the Lebanese delegation was taken at midnight. Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan and Foreign Minister Elie Salem were asleep when the president's decision was telephoned to them with a request that they meet immediately at Beirut Airport for the trip, according to the spokesmen.

Gemayel spoke with Syrian President Hafez Assad here Monday. There was no indication of what they said.

Gemayel was not expected to attend the conference, but decided to go at the last moment in order to meet with Assad and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to discuss the negotiations on the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon, according to a Lebanese official.

It was believed to be the first time Gemayel

had been seen publicly with the Syrian leader.

A Lebanese official, who spoke on condition his name not be used, said Gemayel plans to have private talks with other Arab heads of state. A meeting with Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat is also planned, the official said.

Syria and the PLO have sent assurances to Gemayel that they would withdraw their forces from eastern and northern Lebanon when Israel pulls out its invasion army from central and southern Lebanon. Gemayel wants these assurances finalized in face-to-face summit talks, the official said.

Officials here say progress has been achieved for an overall agreement to remove foreign armies from Lebanon despite the slow pace of the negotiations that began last Dec. 28.

Beirut newspapers said on Sunday Israel's insistence on an open border for travel and trade with Lebanon was hindering progress in the withdrawal talks, scheduled to resume Tuesday in the seaside resort of Khaldé south of Beirut.

Lebanon rejects normalizing relations with

Israel, fearing a Pan-Arab boycott that would cripple Lebanon's economy. Arab countries bought \$1.3 billion worth of Lebanese industrial and agricultural products in 1982 — 80 percent of the country's total exports, according to the Beirut Chamber of Commerce.

An-Nahar newspaper, whose publisher Ghassan Tueni accompanied Gemayel to the nonaligned conference as a consultant, said the president plans to return to Beirut Wednesday. Prime Minister Wazzan will head the Lebanese delegation for the rest of the summit.

Meanwhile, the Lebanese Army took over the so-called fifth basin of the Beirut Port on Monday from right-wing Christian militiamen who had controlled port area during the Civil War.

The move was part of a government drive to shut down illegal harbors and regain customs revenue on imports and exports which had been channeled through ports outside government control.

The fifth basin forms the eastern end of the Beirut Port. The "Lebanese Forces" Christian militia, dominated by the Gemayel family's Phalangist Party, lured much of the nation's imports into the fifth basin by charging 40 percent less than the state customs.

Although the Lebanese forces relied heavily on the fifth basin's income to support their estimated 4,000 militiamen, they offered no resistance to the military takeover.

Gemayel has been relying on his U.S. and French-equipped army to re-establish state authority since he became president last September.

He has declared military service compulsory. Draft registration centers opened Monday for all 18-year-old Lebanese males to sign up for 18 months of service scheduled to begin in April.

## Mideast peace bid may get grounded

LONDON, March 7 (R) — King Hussein and other moderate Arabs are issuing quiet warnings that Middle East peace efforts may run into the ground unless there is real movement soon. West European diplomats say the Jordanian monarch, courted by the United States as a key player in the peace process, believes his chances as an effective negotiator may be doomed unless Israel acts promptly to move troops out of Lebanon.

The King's message was relayed to European Community foreign ministers by Britain last week.

Jordanian withdrawal from the tangled and barely moving peace process would be a major blow to U.S. efforts to settle Middle East issue. King Hussein told the British prime minister in February that he might be forced to pull out of projected peace talks unless the U.S. makes some progress within weeks in wresting concessions from Israel.

Other moderate Arab leaders have joined the king in telling Western governments that Israeli troop withdrawals and a freeze on the building of new Jewish settlements on captured Arab land are essential to get abroad-based negotiations started. King Hussein was assigned a critical role by President Reagan in a U.S. peace plan six months ago. The king's basically sympathetic to the Reagan plan but progress has been blocked because of both Israeli and hardline Arab opposition.

Reagan proposed Israeli-Jordanian negotiations aimed at self-government in association with Jordan for Palestinians living in the Israeli-held West Bank and Gaza.

The U.S. believes negotiations will be possible only if the king leads a delegation including Palestinians in talks with Washington and Tel Aviv. This mandate has so far been withheld by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

"March is going to be an absolutely critical month and we must do what we can to encourage the Arabs to support King Hussein," Douglas Hurd, Britain's minister for Middle East affairs, told European foreign ministers in Brussels last week.

With Israeli-Lebanese talks on troop withdrawals bogged down after two months, ministers of the 10-nation European Community agreed Middle East prospects were at a highly delicate stage.

French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson told the Brussels meeting it was a "priority of priorities" for the U.S. to get Israeli and other foreign troops out of Lebanon.

## U.S. 'favoring' Iraq in Gulf war

KUWAIT, March 7 (AP) — Former U.S. national security adviser William Quandt was quoted Monday as contending that Washington has been favoring Iraq in its war with Iran.

His statement was made in a telephone question-answer exchange with Kuwaiti professors and newspaper editors. Quandt was answering the Kuwaiti questions from his office in Washington.

"The shift in U.S. policy of neutrality became evidently in favor of Iraq after the Iranians scored a series of victories (against Iraq) late last year," the Al-Wakeel newspaper quoted Quandt as saying.

He claimed that Washington has been concerned about the eventuality of a major Iranian onslaught into Iraqi territory.

Quandt said the switch in Washington poli-

## Jordanian storms leave eight dead

AMMAN, March 7 (AP) — Eight persons died during heavy rain and snow storms in Jordan in the past three days, police said Monday.

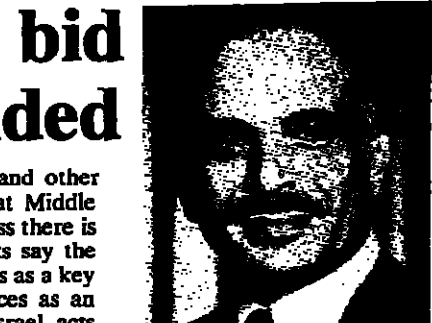
They said the storms and resulting floods had tapered off. In addition to the dead, who included two Egyptians, four persons were missing, police said.

The snowfall, which was one meter deep in some areas, was one of the heaviest in half a century. The Jordanian armed forces and civil defense units rescued thousands of people stranded by snow drifts, floods, landslides and washed-out roads, police reports said.

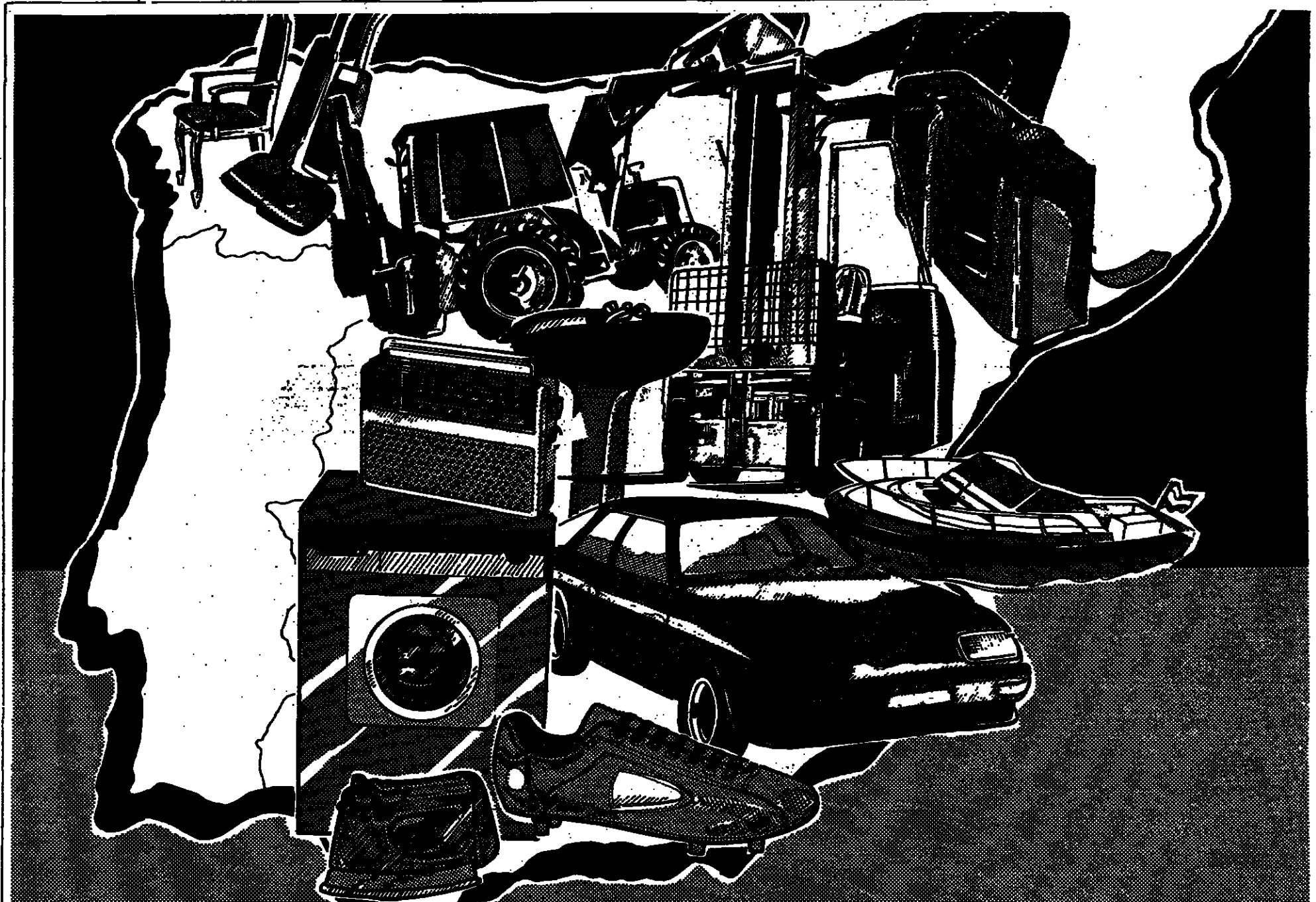
## Rebels claim capturing Chad town

LOME, March 7 (AFP) — Libyan-backed rebels supporting ousted Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei have captured the town of Ounouanga Kibir, a strategic point on the road between Libya and Chad, from the forces of Chadian President Hissene Habre, the rebels' radio, heard here, said Sunday.

The "Voice of Liberation," broadcasting from the northern Chad town Ospardei, in the Tibé Ti region, reported the fall of Ounouanga Kibir, some 200 kilometers



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## BRIEFS

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Police arrested 22 students Sunday after they burnt down two government-owned buses in an anti-government demonstration in Rawalpindi, police said. A government spokesman, however, said only 14 students were detained.

TEL AVIV (AP) — Sources in Israel's security apparatus have accused the Palestine Liberation Organization of psychological warfare against the Israeli people and the families of eight Israelis held by the PLO, Israel television reported Sunday.

ANKARA (R) — One hundred and ten death sentences have been passed by Turkish military courts since martial law was imposed four years ago, and 23 have been carried out, it was officially disclosed Monday.

DHAKA (R) — At least 39 persons have died in a new outbreak of cholera in southern Bangladesh, an official statement said Monday. Unofficial sources put the death toll from the epidemic in the Pirojpur area of Barisal district at several hundred.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A Shiite Imam

and his family were evicted from the administrative buildings of the Washington Mosque in a move that immediately sparked protest by the imam's supporters.

CAIRO (AP) — Rescuers dug up Monday another dead body from the debris of a collapsed apartment building in a Cairo suburb, bringing the number of confirmed dead to seven, police said.

BEIRUT (R) — A group calling itself the "Movement of Iraqi Mujahideen" has claimed responsibility for planting a bomb at the Baghdad offices of Air France that killed the office manager.

TEL AVIV (AFP) — A petrol bomb was thrown into an Israeli bus Saturday in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River — and was thrown out again by a passenger, Israeli radio reported.

CAIRO (R) — Princess Margriet of the Netherlands arrived Sunday on a three-day private visit to Egypt, a Dutch Embassy spokesman said.



## Salvador advances presidential poll date

SAN SALVADOR, March 7 (Agencies) — President Alvaro Magana announced presidential elections in war-torn El Salvador before the end of the year, and government sources said the poll was likely to be held in mid-December though no exact date was given.

Nationwide presidential elections had originally been scheduled for next March after the introduction of new electoral laws and a new constitution. The announcement Sunday, in a speech welcoming Pope John Paul at the start of a one-day visit, followed weeks of intense wrangling among the country's bickering parties and U.S. pressure to advance the elections.

A year ago U.S.-sponsored elections for a 60-seat Constituent Assembly resulted in an alliance of far-right parties taking control of the body, although the American-backed Christian Democrats won the biggest single share of the vote.

In Washington, President Reagan welcomed the election announcement within hours of its being made. Diplomats in San Salvador said Reagan's swift reaction reflected U.S. hopes that early elections would favor the Christian Democrats.

According to diplomatic sources, the announcement of earlier elections followed discreet pressure from the United States, El Salvador's chief arms supplier and financier. The extreme right, headed by assembly President Roberto d'Aubuisson, has been in increasingly acrimonious conflict with the U.S. government, accusing it of heavy-handed interference in El Salvador's internal affairs.

Rightists have been opposed to the moderate reforms the United States set as a condition for continued military aid to El Salvador, whose 24,000-strong army is almost entirely dependent on American equipment. This ranges from assault rifles to attack aircraft.

Since the beginning of the year d'Aubuisson, a former intelligence agent, has suffered several setbacks in the assembly before a loose coalition of parties more moderate than his own National Republican Alliance (ARENA) Party.

The election announcement came five days after President Magana announced formation of a three-man peace commission to draft amnesty procedures guaranteeing the security of guerrillas laying down their arms to participate in elections.

## Costa Rica said exploring peace

NEW YORK, March 7 (AP) — Costa Rica, with the aid of Honduras and El Salvador, is planning a meeting that would seek to explore methods of bringing peace to tension-filled Central America. *The New York Times* reported Sunday. The meeting would exclude the United States.

The *Times* said the meeting would review previous initiatives in an attempt to "break the impasse" over ways to attain peace in the region. An unidentified Costa Rican official said the meeting might determine "elements of consensus" to be pursued, the newspaper reported.

The Costa Rican official said the meeting might take place within a few weeks to take advantage of a possible "lowering of tensions" following Pope John Paul II's visit. The meeting, according to the *Times*, would take place in a neutral country, most likely the Dominican Republic.

The meeting would include foreign ministers of Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala. Observers from Panama, Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Belize, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic would attend the meeting.

A meeting held last October to discuss peace initiatives included only democratically elected governments and the United States.

## U.S. may export arms to Argentina

NEW YORK, March 7 (AP) — The U.S. government is planning to resume arms sales to Argentina, according to an uncorroborated report in the latest issue of *Newsweek* magazine. An embargo was put on such sales during last year's south Atlantic war in which Britain recovered the Falkland/Malvinas Islands which had been occupied by Argentina.

*Newsweek*, on its "inside information" page, said the U.S. State Department had broached the idea to British officials, who were quoted as saying they were opposed to any sales which could help the Argentines launch a new attack on the Falklands.

The weekly said American officials were considering delivery of light weapons to Buenos Aires with a view to combating possible Soviet influence, encouraging the Argentine military to carry out its promise to hold democratic elections, and inducing Argentina to send military advisers to El Salvador.

## Falklands war widow speaks of principle

LONDON, March 7 (AP) — The widow of Col. "H" Jones, who was killed during the Falklands War last year, said Monday she did not think handing over sovereignty of the islands to Argentina would be an affront to the memory of the British soldiers who died during the conflict.

Sarah Jones, whose husband was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for gallantry after his part in the decisive battle at Darwin and Goose Green, told the women's weekly *Options* that she would not think her husband had died in vain if the Falklands were handed over to Argentina.

"Of course, you cannot hand it to the Argentinians on a plate — then it would all have been for nothing. But, if the Falklands were handed to Argentina after democratic agreement, then the principle would have been fulfilled and I would feel that in itself would have made 'H's' death worthwhile."

## Death row men seek quiet end

BANGKOK, March 7 (AFP) — Inmates sentenced to die in Thailand have come up with a novel last wish — quieter executions. The Thai Corrections Department Monday confirmed that it was purchasing a new West German-made submachine gun, equipped with a silencer, partly in reply to requests from prisoners on death row.

Vivit Chatuparisut, head of the so-called correctional practice subdivision, which oversees executions, said convicts had complained about the jarring dawn blasts from the 50-year-old 9-mm gun that has been used in the past.

It seemed the loud bang of the old gun, bought in 1934 and reportedly used to execute at least 300 convicts, spoiled the appetite and ruined the day of those on death row each time it was used, Vivit said in a telephone interview.

The new weapon is an MP 5 SD2 manufactured by Heckler and Koch. An agent for the company here confirmed that several MP 5 models had been supplied. The department director, Gen. Thavee Chusap, has been quoted as saying 16 prisoners are currently awaiting execution on death row.

## Ghanaians blamed for plight

LONDON, March 7 (AP) — Ghana, the first of what became a series of African nations given independence by Britain, on Sunday marked the 26th anniversary with a sad and self-critical message from its military leader, Flight Lt. Jerry Rawlings.

"Somewhere along the line something went wrong," Rawlings said noting Ghanaians were "happy, proud and hopeful" when their now-bankrupt nation, the once-prosperous Gold Coast, became independent.

"Today he (the Ghanaian) is treated with suspicion and contempt. What happened? Who did that to us? Who do we blame? None but ourselves," said Rawlings in a nationwide address on Radio Accra, monitored in London.

"I'm sure the earlier fighters for freedom did not seek to replace colonialism with political and economic irresponsibility, moral decay and spiritual blackout."

Ghana, on the west coast of a continent dotted with coups and military dictators, has had nine military and civilian governments since its first leader Kwame Nkrumah was overthrown in a 1966 military coup.

Nkrumah, the self-styled "star of Africa," dreamed of turning Ghana into a model for the rest of Africa. But his grandiose industrialization projects, and the corruption that went with them, crippled a country which had

reserves of 200 million pounds (\$300 million) at independence.

Rawlings, in a conciliatory message which made no attempt to blame outside powers for Ghana's plight, told his 11.5 million compatriots to make the best of the country's latest blow, last month's expulsion by Nigeria of one million Ghanaian workers. "There are many lessons to be learned from the expulsion of aliens from any country" said Rawlings.

"In our case we need to learn even more. We must see and know that no country will provide us with a better and safer home than our own."

He urged Ghanaians, who include a long-established, well-educated middle-class, "to serve their country with the same zeal with which they have either worked for foreign countries or seen other nationals work for them."

Rawlings, the son of a Scottish father and Ghanaian mother, has himself twice seized power in military coups — in June 1979 when he ordered the executions of three former heads of state, and again in December 1981.

Last week, in the latest report of an attempted coup, he said his Provisional National Defense Council had arrested nine soldiers and two civilians planning to overthrow the government, but the two main plotters were still at large.

## Clark fights pneumonia

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 7 (AP) — Artificial heart recipient Barney Clark appeared to be winning his bout with pneumonia Sunday, his 39th wedding anniversary, but remained on a respirator and regimen of antibiotics.

University of Utah Medical Center spokeswoman Anne Brillinger said Clark and his wife, Una Loy, celebrated their anniversary quietly in Clark's large, private room. Visitors were expected.

"Mrs. Clark gave Dr. Clark something he's been asking for a large wall clock," Ms. Brillinger said. "It has been hung directly under a wall-mounted television set in his room."

Clark was in a fair condition Sunday, but still too weak to continue his full routine of mild exercise, said University of Utah Medical Center nursing supervisor, Lisa Anderson.

The retired Seattle-area dentist, in his 95th day on the plastic Utah heart, was not expected to resume exercises including pedaling a stationary bicycle and taking steps with an aluminum walker until after his pneumonia cleared.

Clark, 62, was diagnosed as having aspiration pneumonia after he became nauseous Thursday and vomited some material that had entered his lungs, doctors said.

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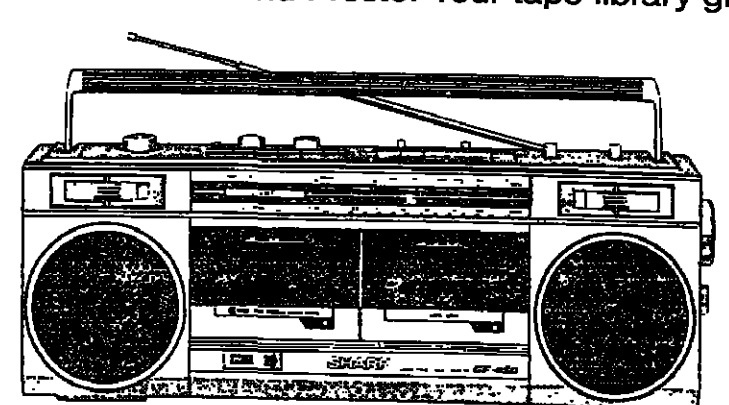
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## Keeps offer open to Socialists

## Berlinguer breaks with Moscow

MILAN, Italy, March 6 (R) — The Italian Communist Party ended its national congress Sunday with its leader Enrico Berlinguer signaling that it had broken decisively with Moscow without seriously disrupting its unity.

In what was seen as reference to the party's ideological split from Moscow caused by the Polish crisis, he said the outcome of the congress confirmed "the liberation of the Italian Communist Party from left-over mythical visions."

He had already reaffirmed the party's independence from Moscow when he opened the five-day congress, saying there could be no guiding party or state in the international workers' movement and calling for "full equality and autonomy of every political grouping inspired by communism."

The break with Moscow came after the

December 1981 declaration of marital law in Poland, which Berlinguer said at the time showed that East European communism had exhausted its capacity for revolutionary social development.

Delegates at this week's congress gave a cool reception to a speech Saturday by Armando Cossutta, leader of the party's pro-Soviet wing, who reaffirmed the primacy of the Soviet Union in the international labor movement.

Berlinguer said in his speech Sunday winding up the gathering: "I think this congress will exercise a major influence which will affect the whole course of political life in Italy." He said the party was engaged in a major process of renewal, and in the four years since its previous congress its policies and nature had undergone big changes.

He repeated a call to Italy's Socialists to

move toward an alliance with the Communists to end Christian Democratic dominance of the government. He had made a similar appeal to the Socialist in his opening speech Wednesday, but Socialist leader Bettino Craxi said Thursday the time was not ripe.

The Socialists have for several years been in a series of coalition governments with the Christian Democrats and centrist parties. Berlinguer said Sunday: "We are not proposing to the Socialists a government for tomorrow or the day after. But we believe that if the Socialists were to call openly for a democratic alternative, as we have done, it would have great value for workers and democratic public opinion."

On internal party democracy, he said that a special committee was still working on revising party policy on decision-making with the aim of involving more party members.

## 834 alleged gangsters held

## Mafia clans smashed

PALERMO, Sicily, March 7 (R) — Police said Sunday they smashed several Mafia clans when they arrested 834 suspected gangsters in southern Italy Saturday in a vast operation using 8,700 paramilitary carabinieri.

Police said they recovered 291 stolen cars and one billion lire (\$815,000) in stolen money, seized 175 shotguns and military rifles and 140 hand guns, and impounded explosives and drugs. Police backed by dogs and helicopters caught 548 persons in the act of crimes and arrested 286 on existing warrants.

"We struck a hard blow against organized crime," a police officer said. "We have broken up various clans and struck at the heart of rackets in certain areas of the south."

Police were worried Sunday by the news that a man arrested in Sicily last month had secret information compiled by the U.S.

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The fact that the Mafia apparently has access to secret files is disturbing for agents whose lives are already under constant threat.

Francesco de Matteo, wanted on a minor charge of aiding and abetting a Mafioso, was arrested in February on his return from visiting relatives in Zurich. Police said he had a photocopy of a confidential DEA document concerning surveillance of suspected drugs traffickers between Italy, Latin America and the United States.

After gunmen murdered a general, Carlo Albero Dalla Alto, in Sicily last September, parliament passed a new anti-Mafia law which facilitated Saturday's mass swoop. The new law enables investigators to probe financial links, banks and channels used to launder drug earnings, and present as evidence their findings, previously inadmissible.

## Book reveals insights into U.K. queen

LONDON, March 7 (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II maintains her weight at a steady 112 pounds (50.8 kilos), wears a minimum of makeup and likes having as many as nine dogs as her constant companions.

The dogs, mostly short-legged Welsh Corgis even accompany the monarch to dress fittings. Their paws pick up so many pins that couturier Hardy Amies has presented the queen with a satin-covered magnet, according to a new biography of the monarch.

Excerpts from "The Queen" by Ann Morrow, appeared Monday in *The Daily Mail*. The book will be published April 7. The writer says the queen, who will be 57 on April 21 and came to the throne in 1952 when she was 25, has only once since then been seen publicly with tears in her eyes.

It was at Aberfan, the South Wales mining village where 116 children were killed in 1966 by a collapsing mountain of colliery waste.

Other points in Monday's excerpts: The queen — currently visiting the United States — is cool and courageous about her safety and hates fuss over security.

She was "extremely irritated" when Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher felt she should not go to a Commonwealth conference in Zambia in 1979 because of guerrilla fighting in neighboring Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe. The Queen went.

The first time Elizabeth II was ordered to rest since she became queen was after the traumatic July of last year.

Her doctor told her to take things easy for a month after intruder Michael Fagan broke into her bedroom at Buckingham Palace, her personal bodyguard Michael Trestrail had to resign in a scandal and a close friend died, Lord Rupert Nevill.

When the queen feels tense, she tries to go for a walk with her dogs and visits her horses. She does not show stress in public. The rule of the royal family is: "If you've got a headache, take an Aspirin."

## BRIEFS

MOSCOW, (AFP) — Chinese deputy minister of external foreign economic relations and trade, Jia Shi, arrived here Sunday at the head of a trade delegation, the Soviet news agency Tass reported. Tass did not say how long Jia would stay nor did it give the reasons for his visit.

NEW YORK, (R) — Actress Debbie Reynolds was resting comfortably in hospital Sunday night after collapsing on stage during a performance Saturday of the musical *Woman of the Year*, according to a hospital spokeswoman. Reynolds, 50, was admitted to hospital for observation after a doctor and paramedics were summoned backstage at the Palace Theater to examine her. The actress had "a verbal blackout and just couldn't speak," a theater spokesman said. The spokesman said Miss Reynolds was suffering from exhaustion.

## 200 Soviets 'forcibly kept in hospitals'

LONDON, March 7 (AFP) — The human rights organizing Amnesty International said Monday it knew of nearly 200 persons being forcibly confined to Soviet psychiatric hospitals on political grounds in the last eight years and believed the real total could be higher.

It said it had learned of 193 new cases since its 1975 report on Soviet political prisoners, in which it called for an end to the abuse of psychiatry. The report described some 120 known cases between 1969 and 1975, bringing the total between 1969 and now to over 300.

The cases cited were the ones which Amnesty had been able to study in detail, and did not include people confined before 1969 or many cases about which the organization did not have enough information to know whether the people being held were prisoners of conscience.

Amnesty said despite appeals by Soviet psychiatrists and from abroad, psychiatric treatment was still being used to punish dissidents. It said some of those being held for months, even years, had been seized for drawing attention to the treatment of others.

It quoted the case of a Lithuanian psychiatrist who was detained in 1980 after joining an unofficial group monitoring human rights violations.

Soviet citizens, including psychiatrists, who have tried to expose the abuse have been imprisoned, confined in psychiatric institutions themselves or forced to leave the country, Amnesty said.

It added that Soviet and foreign psychiatrists had privately examined a number of people held in this way and found no medical grounds for their confinement. Many of the detainees were treated with powerful drugs and in special psychiatric hospitals.



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## Tass flays U.S. claim on chemical arms

MOSCOW, March 7 (AP) — The official Soviet news agency Tass on Monday denounced the United States for claiming the Soviet Union "uses chemical weapons in Indochina." Tass quoted a British newspaper report as saying the U.S. claims were based on faked evidence.

"Australian and British scientists concluded that Washington's stories concerning the use of chemical weapons by the Soviet Union in Indochina" are totally unfounded and based on a fake," Tass said, referring to a story in *The Observer* newspaper.

officially denied such slanderous allegations coming from the administration of the U.S.

*The Observer* reported Sunday that Australian and British scientists examined purportedly contaminated leaves and pebbles from Indochina without finding any harmful poison.

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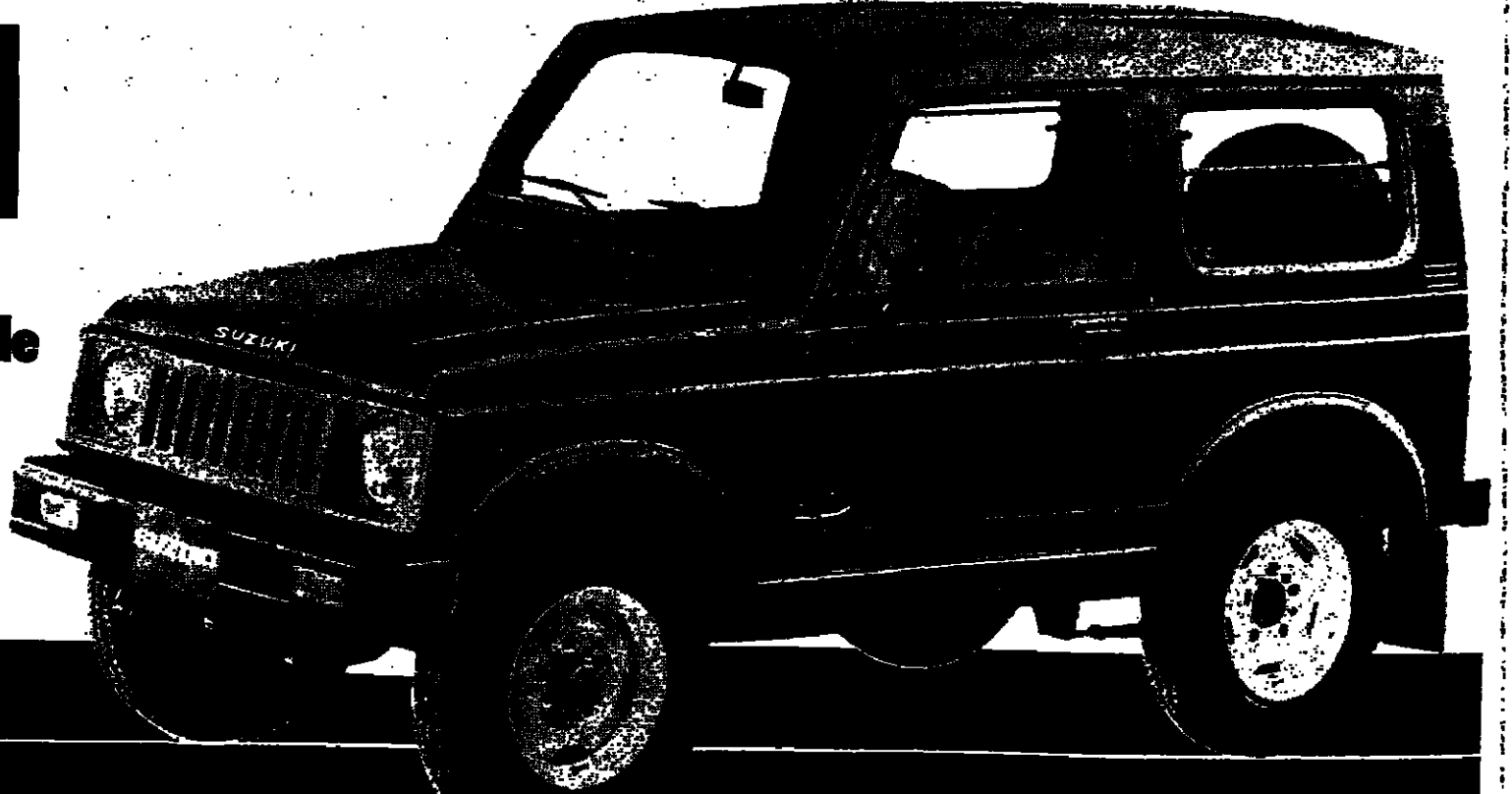
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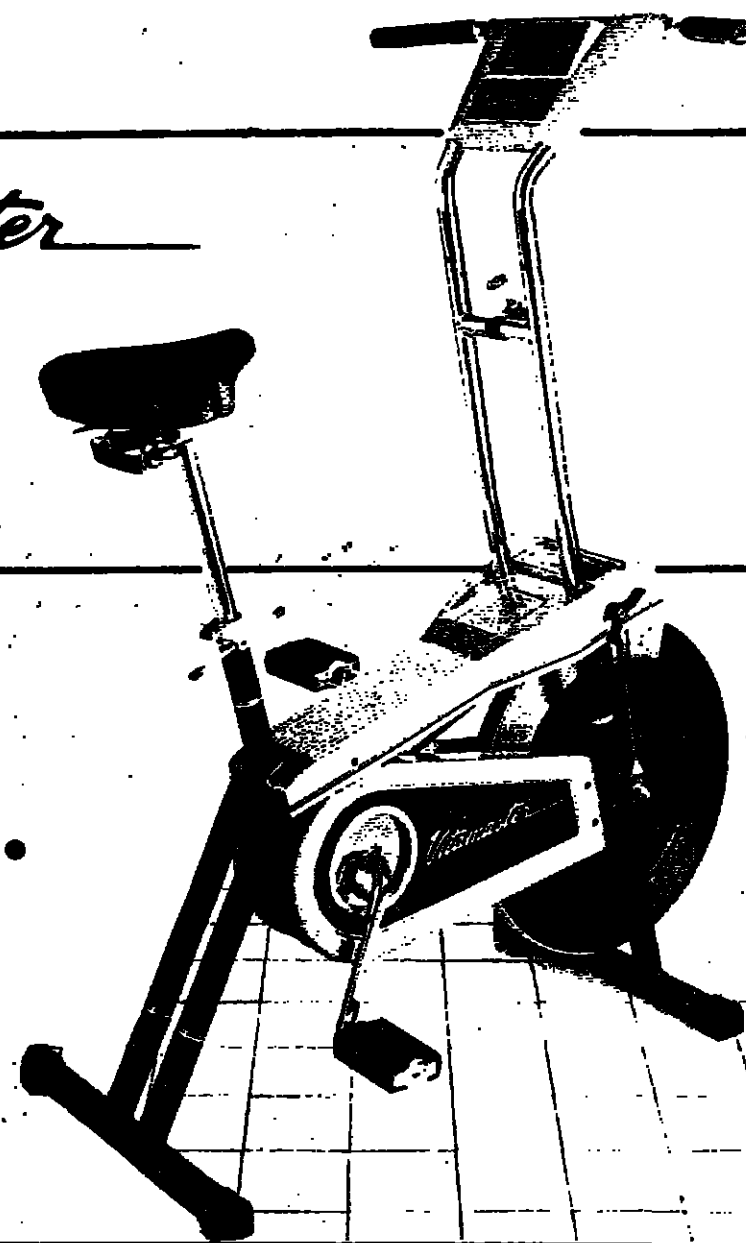


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## KOHL'S VICTORY

Helmut Kohl's substantial and convincing victory in the West German election is a complete vindication of his gamble in deliberately losing a Bundestag vote of confidence last December and going to the electorate for a fresh mandate. Without it, there would have been lingering suspicions about his right to govern the country. He took over the chancellorship last October, not because he won it in an election, but simply because the small Free Democratic Party, at the time in coalition with the Social Democrats, changed sides and gave it to him.

Now the West German people as a whole have decided that he is the man to lead them and sort out their problems — to stem unemployment and temper the effects of the recession. The international effects of Kohl's victory are enormous. It is as much a disappointment to Moscow as it is a relief to the West generally, and NATO in particular. Because of it, the Soviets will now have to take the nuclear disarmament talks in Geneva far more seriously — and that, by anyone's standards — is a good news for the future of mankind.

Moscow had held back from any major commitments at Geneva in the hope that the Social Democrats, allied to the radical Greens, would win. Had they done so, they would undoubtedly scupper NATO's plans to deploy intermediate-range nuclear missiles (Cruise and Pershing) on West German soil; NATO's protective nuclear strategy — perhaps even NATO itself — would have been in disarray and the Soviets would have been left as they are — in a position of nuclear superiority.

The election outcome changes everything. Kohl has already made it plain that although he does not favor them, Cruise and Pershing will be deployed in West Germany unless there is substantial progress at Geneva. That puts the ball firmly back in Moscow's court. They are now going to have to make serious and sensible offers about reductions in the number of missiles they have aimed against Europe, if they do not want to see Cruise and Pershing deployed against themselves — which clearly they do not.

West Germans plainly decided that on the nuclear issue, they are better off with a tough and determined Kohl rather than with an indecisive SPD. However, they have also given warning, by electing some 27 members of the radical Green Party to parliament for the first time, that they are far from happy about the nuclear issue. Given that the Christian Democrats will have an outright majority with Free Democrat support, the Greens will, for the time being, be powerless to change government policy. But that may not always be so. They now have voices inside the Bundestag from where they are going to be heard even more clearly and loudly than ever before. One thing is certain, with around 27 of them there, politics in the Bundestag is going to be very different from now on.

## Saudi Arabian press review

A majority of the newspapers Monday led with the seventh nonaligned summit which opened in New Delhi later in the day and expressed the hope that the gathering would succeed in finding solutions to the problems and challenges facing the member states.

**Okaz** stressed that the Iranian-Iraqi war would be high on the summit's agenda since all efforts "have failed so far to put an end to the 30-month-old conflict between the two member states." The paper urged the summit to take a decisive step to bring the devastating hostilities to a halt and apply punitive measures against Iran "if the Tehran regime insists on its intransigent stand and does not need to peace calls."

It also expressed the hope that the gathering would find a just solution to the Middle East problem and the Palestinian cause which "has taken a new dimension in the wake of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the massacres of Palestinians at Sabra and Shatila refugee camps."

**Al-Jazirah** urged the gathering to adopt a formula to end the Gulf

war which only serves the malicious designs of the superpowers. It expressed the hope that the summit "will emerge with a political declaration ensuring the rights of peoples seeking freedom and self-determination in Palestine, Afghanistan, Namibia and Eritrea and supporting their struggle against invading superpowers and their puppet regimes."

The paper called on the nonaligned states to abandon their political and economic disputes. **Al-Nadwa** expressed the hope that the meeting would achieve a comprehensive solution for the Iranian-Iraqi conflict and adopt a unified strategy to face the deteriorating economic situation affecting most of the nonaligned states.

**Al-Yom** said the majority of the countries of the world hope that the summit will adopt resolutions that can reduce dangers threatening world peace. It urged the gathering to stop the Gulf war and find a practical and just solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and the Western Sahara issue. (SPA)

By Grace Halsey  
Special to Arab News

WASHINGTON —

Living for a year among Palestinians in the portions of historic Palestine called the West Bank and the Gaza strip, I came to see at first hand the plight of Palestinian workers under Israeli military occupation. I often stayed in the homes of Palestinians in Nablus and Ramallah, in the West Bank.

Nablus and Ramallah, along with Al-Khahl, are three of the principal towns in the West Bank — an area that extends only 80 miles from north to south. Its east-west boundaries lie up to 34 miles from the Jordan River and as little as nine miles from the Mediterranean Sea. The West Bank along with the even smaller Gaza Strip that adjoins the Mediterranean is inhabited by Palestinian Arabs who since the 1967 war have lived under Israeli military occupation.

"Nothing will be more dangerous to world peace than Israel's continued occupation of our land," former Mayor Bassam Shaka of Nablus told me. The mayor, removed from office by the Israelis and now a hero to his people, lost both legs after a bomb reportedly set by Jewish extremists demolished his car in June, 1980.

"Our people are under a terrible yoke," Shaka, now outfitted with artificial limbs, said. "We Palestinians have 25 municipal governments in the West Bank and one in Gaza. All — without exception — are opposed to Israel's continued occupation. The Israelis do not permit us to have our own government, to control our future, even to prepare our youth," Shaka continued. "The Palestinian young people have very limited educational and vocational training opportunities. For instance, in all the West Bank, we have only three vocational-technical and teacher-training schools. Thousands want training. But our efforts to open more such training schools are blocked."

"Not only do they forbid our building new training schools, they arbitrarily close the few training schools we have. For instance, they closed Ramallah boys' secondary school and the UNRWA women's vocational and teacher-training center at Tiberias, as well as the women's teaching-training institute in Ramallah."

"The Israeli authorities also shut down the Hisham Bin-Abdul-Malik boys' secondary school in Jericho, and the Halhoul boys' secondary school. Our young people suffer a terrible kind of harassment. Most of those who want education are forced to leave the country. About three-fourths of the Palestinians have been forced to leave our country, to stay or to work."

"The Palestinian people want peace," Shaka insisted. "Yet we must have freedom. We are not permitted to run our own government. And the military forces do not help us."

"The West Bank mayors need to meet, to plan regional economic cooperation. Yet, the Israeli military government forbids our meeting. They do our hands. For every request, they tell us 'No.' We are totally lacking in economic and social research and planning. We have no resources such as coal or oil and almost no industry of any kind."

The Israelis term him "militant," Shaka said, because he resisted their efforts to make Nablus dependent on Israeli electricity. "The Israelis wanted me to connect the Nablus area with the national grid in Israel and allow them to annex the area electrically. Instead, I worked to convince the Israeli authorities we should be allowed to import

## Social Insurance Scheme

We have noted the various readers' letters published in the *Arab News* of Feb. 15 and 18 on social insurance. We believe it's more advisable to provide you hereunder with a comprehensive answer to all inquiries contained in such letters, all at once, so that *Arab News* readers will be aware of the same.

As for the first letter written by Mr. Khalid Aziz published Feb. 15, we thank him for such valuable suggestions and would like to draw his kind attention to the following facts:

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2. Our GOSI publishes on a regular basis a *Social Insurance Information Bulletin* which is obtainable free of charge from any of our GOSI offices. The bulletin may also be posted to any person upon his request.

In his letter, Mr. Sayed Muhammad Khan complains that he will not be able to get the refund of his social insurance contributions before he is 60. It is advised that, like all other social insurance schemes in the world, the Saudi Social Insurance System provides for the award of social insurance benefits

electrical generators. The Israelis must approve all such orders. We would place an order. An Israeli would sit on the order. And we would wait years to get one generator."

Water is even more crucial. "We recognize that a primary reason Israeli authorities want to continue their military control of the West Bank is because of the West Bank water supply. At present, the Israelis take all the water they want from our sources. The West Bank has become little more than a water reservoir for Israel," Shaka claims. The water reservoir actually is rainwater that falls into underground porous rock and sand called aquifers. Israelis dig wells into the aquifers, and, according to Shaka, "They siphon off 80 percent of the Palestinians' underground water."

"They take most of our water by two means. They install meters on Palestinian wells already in use by Palestinians. They monitor our supply, not theirs. Then, they do not permit us to dig new wells. But they permit Israelis to do so. The Israelis have dug 24 deep wells, 17 in the Jordan Valley, all for illegal Jewish settlements. The Israeli government provides highly sophisticated water pumping, transport and storage systems, all for their exclusive use."

"They do not allow us to drill any wells, not for irrigation nor for that matter, not even a well for drinking water. We asked for a permit to drill a drinking water well to the east of Nablus. They refused to permit us to drill this water well," Shaka said. "Jewish settlers in the Jordan Valley plan to irrigate 13,000 acres of West Bank land and they will use the limited water resources that otherwise would go to the Palestinian farmers. These Palestinian farmers can only stand by and watch the Israelis drilling new wells for their illegal settlements. If Palestinian farmers lose 80 percent of their water, they lose 80 percent of their crops," Shaka said.

In addition to supplying the Israelis a ready supply of water, the West Bank also supplies the Israelis a flexible and cheap labor force. Zayid, the eldest son of a West Bank Palestinian family with whom I lived for awhile in a refugee camp near Ramallah, is an example. He is one of 85,000 Palestinian Arabs who provide Israel with labor force that will work at any job, at any pay.

Zayid, 24, who is strongly built with brown hair and green eyes, rises at 3:30 a.m., dresses silently, moves with animal like quietness and is out of the house within minutes. At 3:45 a.m., Zayid boards a truck parked outside the camp. He travels across a so-called Green Line — not visible to the traveler, from the Arab West Bank into Israel.

Like Zayid, most of the Palestinian workers in Israel are in the 18 to 35 age range. Most like Zayid, are unskilled or semi-skilled. Most, also like Zayid, say they go to work for the Israelis because they have "no choice." As Zayid explains this:

"My father owned a farm near Lydda, and in 1948 he and his family were driven — under force of arms, from his land. I have 'no choice' of being a farmer. I have 'no choice' to work in a West Bank factory because the Palestinians do not have factories. Our mayors and our leaders are expelled. We have 'no choice' of running our own lives. Either I work for the Israelis or my family goes hungry."

"I worked as a bus boy in a Jewish restaurant and I scrubbed floors in a Jewish hospital and I even cleaned a Jewish slaughter house and ran an elevator in a Jewish office building. I began working

for the Jews when I was 14.

Baruch Hakhal, who heads Israel Labor Ministry's employment service, once commented that immediately after the Israelis gained a state in historic Palestine, "the Jews would do any work," but now they do not want "the mental jobs."

Zayid also worked in an Israeli canning factory and in food packing plants. "I saw many Arab workers in the plants I came to believe that the Israeli food industry, and especially canning and packaging, are almost totally dependent on an Arab work force."

However, he adds, "There are peak and slow periods in the canning business and in the slow periods the Arabs are the first to go." Laid off from the canning factory, Zayid found employment in a Tel Aviv mattress factory. "When you go into Tel Aviv to work, you must show your work permit. They are proud to have this all-Jewish city — except for the Arab workers. Your work permit is not good to stay overnight. That is against the law. If I am sleeping in a Tel Aviv bed at three o'clock in the morning, I've committed a crime. At that hour, they want Tel Aviv to be 'pure' Jewish."

But many Israeli employers during peak production periods like to keep Arab workers on the premises. They found it inconvenient to send all the Arab workers back to Gaza or the West Bank every night. So they silently agreed, or at least began the practice, of allowing us to stay overnight provided they, the owners of plants and factories, placed us all in a warehouse — and locked us in.

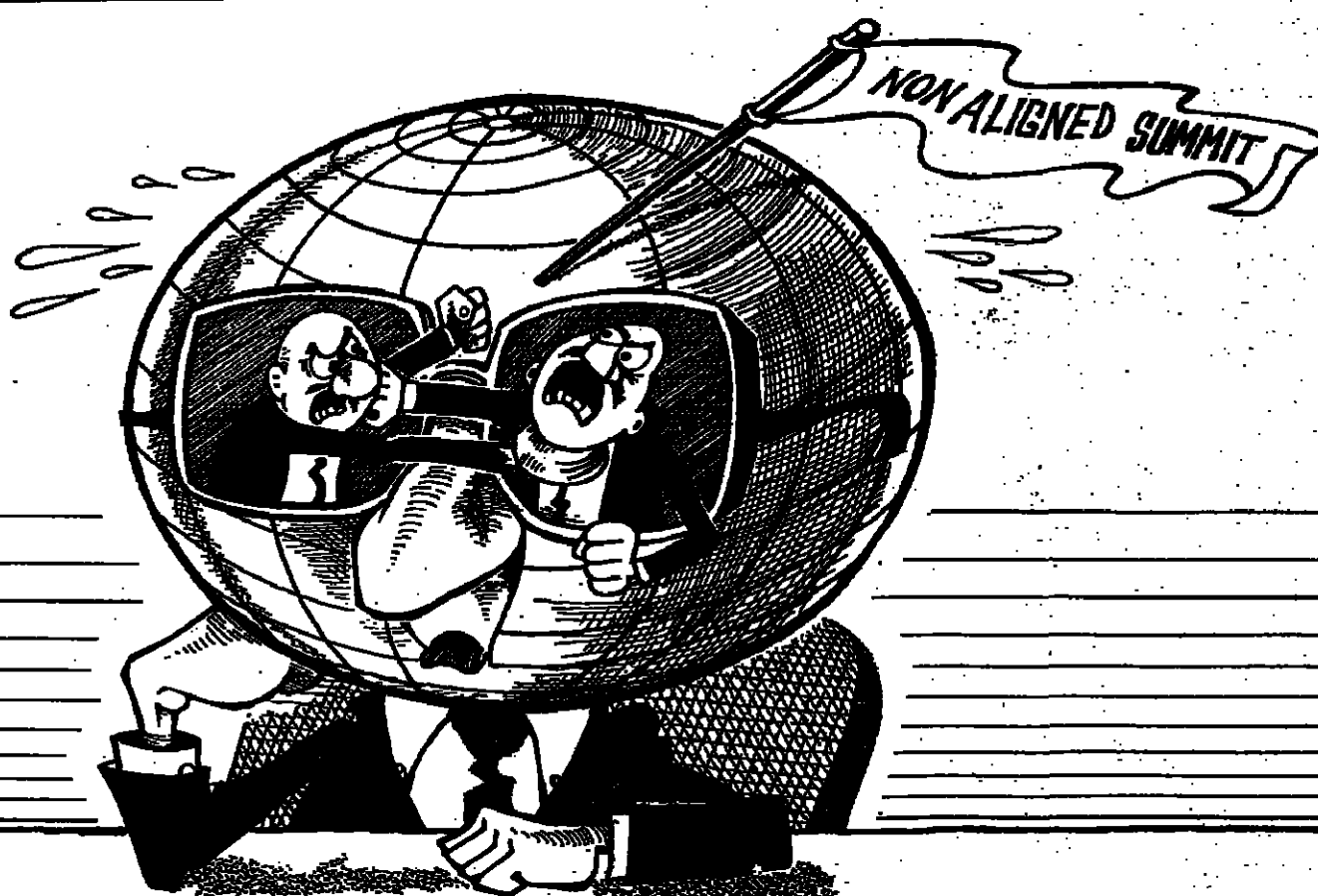
"I grew accustomed to being locked up when we worked late at the Tel Aviv mattress factory. The plant manager would herd us in like so many sheep. He closed the steel doors and locked us in from the outside. He claimed this was 'protection' for us," Zayid continues. "One night, however, a fire broke out. All of us tried to climb the walls, but we were trapped, like animals. Firemen eventually broke through the locked doors, and I escaped with only minor injuries. But the warehouse was burned to the ground and three of my co-workers, all of them good friends, were burned to death."

Conditions of plants where he has worked have been hazardous, Zayid claims, "and they are never checked by anyone. Yet we Arabs dare not speak of bad conditions to an employer. We will be fired on the spot. We have no security whatsoever." Baruch Hakhal of Israel's Labor Ministry, quoted earlier, has said that if Israel's economic problems worsen and demands are made that Jewish workers be protected, the Israeli government will revoke work permits for Arabs from the West Bank and Gaza.

Many Jewish employers talk frankly about their ambivalence in seeing tens of thousands of Arab workers move each day into their Jewish state. "You have big families," one Jewish boss told Zayid, adding that "we fear that one day you will outnumber us." This boss also told Zayid he was against Israel's attempting to annex the West Bank and Gaza "for then we would no longer be a Jewish state."

This same Israeli boss told Zayid, "I respect you and I suspect you." Soon after this Zayid relates "an employee stole money from a cash box. We were Arabs and Jews working in that factory. And the Jewish owner did not question the Jewish employees — only me and the other Arabs. He did not find the lost money. But it was a bad psychological treatment he gave us. He believed the Jews to be better."

At present Zayid is a construction worker in a



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# Israelis exploit Arab workers from West Bank, Gaza

housing unit in Tel Aviv. "The Jews don't want to do construction work. As a result, Arabs do most of the construction work in Israel today," he claims. On the job, Zayid, who understands Hebrew, says he hears Israeli construction contractors complain about "good Jewish workers who would rather be paid social security and sit in the cafes than get out and work." "We work harder," Zayid boasts.

An Israeli, Yaacov Cohen of the Israeli Federation of Trade Unions, told a reporter, "Employers prefer to hire Arab workers rather than Jewish workers. Arab workers are much more obedient...How do I put it? They are not so corrupted as the Jewish workers. They are not spoiled like the Jewish workers." I heard many Israeli employers say they prefer Arab Palestinians to Jewish workers, and for the same reasons that many U.S. white employers prefer illegal aliens to legal, unionized workers. The undocumented workers they say, arrive on time, work hard, and never complain. In Israel, I heard many of the same comments about Arab Palestinians.

"The Arab worker comes on time. He works hard — for about \$20 a week — and he never complains. He will take some bread, buy some olive, grab a tomato and that's his food," a Jewish employer in Tel Aviv said. Neither the alien nor Zayid complain for the same reason: each works in a country where he is not a citizen and each is vulnerable because he has no union back of him. Therefore, they have "no choice": they take any job, at any wage.

West Bankers have 24 trade unions representing various groups such as the drivers, clerks, hotel and restaurant workers, carpenters and other tradesmen. Total membership is estimated at about 40,000, about one-fourth of the West Bank work force. "But these unions do not represent Arab workers in Israel. The Israelis boycott them," Zayid said.

Israeli employers deal only with the General Federation of Workers in Israel, called the Histadrut. This union does not permit Zayid or other West Bank and Gaza Palestinians to join.

"Once on a construction work, I broke my leg and was forced to leave the job," Zayid relates. "I had no compensation or insurance or hospitalization — nothing. If I had been an Israeli worker, I would have been taken to a hospital and given money."

"Jewish workers on the same job work fewer hours and earn more money," he contends. "You can go anywhere: you see the Jews and you see the Palestinians. By looking you see how we are living." The per capita West Bank income is about \$500 a year. Zayid earns only 40 percent of the average Israeli worker. This is a gap that has been widening in the past few years.

Today is Tuesday, March 8, the 67th day of 1983. There are 298 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:  
1722 — Mir Mahmud of Afghanistan starts war against Persia.

1865 — Canal is begun in the Netherlands to connect Amsterdam with North Sea.

1917 — Riots and strikes erupt in St. Petersburg, marking start of Russian Revolution.

1931 — Soviet Union and Turkey sign agreement on naval reduction in Black Sea.

1942 — Japanese capture Rangoon, Burma, in World II.

1949 — France recognizes non-Communist Vietnam nationalists under Bao Dai as independent state within French Union.

1950 — Marshal Voroshilov announces Soviet possession of atomic bomb.

1954 — United States and Japan sign mutual defense agreement.

1961 — British Commonwealth prime ministers conference opens in London, and South Africa announces it will leave the Commonwealth on May 31. Congolese leaders agree on confederation under President Kasavubu.

1965 — United States lands 3,500 Marines in South Vietnam.

1966 — Anti-Communist students in Indonesia sack Indonesia's Foreign Ministry in Jakarta.

1969 — Soviet Union puts its Far East army on alert as warning to China after frontier clash on Ussuri River.

1970 — President Makarios of Cyprus escapes assassination attempt when terrorist snipers shoot down his helicopter.

1981 — About 3,000 persons participate in Solidarity rally at Warsaw University in Poland.

1982 — Administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan accuses Soviet Union of killing at least 3,000 persons in Afghanistan with poison gas and other chemical weapons.

Thought for today:  
Do all the good you can and make no fuss about it. — Charles Dickens, English author (1812-1870).

We trust that the above comprehensive answer and the leaflet will be satisfactory and will help the readers understand and be abreast of what benefits they will get under the social insurance law and how and when they may claim such benefits.

We take the liberty to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your indispensable efforts and cooperation extended through the pages of the favorable daily *Arab News*.

Mutib Al-Assaf  
Director of Public Relations

## Assam carnage

Sir,  
It is disheartening to read about the happenings in Assam state. According to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, some political parties there are behind the carnage. But Assam is not the only state where Muslims are facing this situation. There is no state in India where Muslims are not being victimized. The situation is going from bad to worse in other states also.

So, Mrs. Gandhi should stop saying that "the situation is now under control," "every effort will be made to bring peace," "the culprits will be punished." These words have become meaningless. Let the Indian government do what is needed and what is practical.

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P.O. Box 4011  
Dammam



# Social Insurance System offers easy payment of benefits abroad

JEDDAH — From time to time doubts and questions have been raised as to the mode of repayment of the benefits under the Social Insurance System of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. A major concern among expatriates working in the Kingdom has been how they or their dependants will be able to claim the benefits due to them once they leave the Kingdom and settle down in their own countries. All these doubts have arisen largely because there is general ignorance among expatriates as well as the Saudi nationals about the special features of the system.

It is with a view to enlightening the general public and to removing the lingering doubts in the minds of some that *Arab News* is publishing an article presenting the essential features of the Social Insurance System of the Kingdom.

In this context, the first thing that one should bear in mind is this one of the few Social Insurance Systems in the world that offers welfare to non-national employees and treats nationals and non-nationals alike as far as conditions of eligibility for benefits and amounts of benefits awarded are concerned. Furthermore, the General Organization for Social Insurance (GOSI) does not place any restrictions on payments to beneficiaries abroad. Rather GOSI tries to make it easy for the beneficiaries to cash their money in their own country. In doing so, the Kingdom does not only comply with the principles of equality set out in the recommendations of the International Labor Organization, but also willingly provides security to all workers irrespective of their nationality and sex.

To meet such objectives, GOSI has set up a special department with a view to rendering efficient services to beneficiaries abroad and to helping them cash their benefits in an easy and smooth manner. This department is called the "Overseas Benefits Department". Insured persons or claimants are invited to contact the said department at the following address in case of any inquiries or claims:

Overseas Benefits Department  
General Organization for Social Insurance  
P.O. Box 2963  
Riyadh — Saudi Arabia  
Tel: 4777735  
Tlx: 201143 GOSI SJ

The following summary will give further information on major benefit issues dealt with by the Social Insurance Law as well as the conditions and procedures required for the award of benefits to beneficiaries abroad.

**Eligibility:**  
The insured person will be eligible for social insurance benefit(s) (under the Annuities Branch) in the following cases:  
—If he attains the age of 60 Hijrah calendar years (or 58 years, 1 month and 20 days

according to the Gregorian calendar) and ceased assumption of insurable employment.

—If, before attaining the age of 60 Hijrah calendar years, he is afflicted with a non-occupational disability.

—If he dies, in which case payments will be made to his dependants as prescribed in the S.I. Law.

The Law provides for satisfying certain conditions for qualifying for pension or lump sum compensation (refund of contributions) in any of the above cases. Such conditions may be summarized as follows:

**Old-age pension:**  
The pension will be payable if the following conditions are satisfied:

—The insured person must have attained the age of 60 Hijrah calendar years (i.e. 58 years, 1 month and 20 days according to the Gregorian calendar).

—The insured person must have ceased assumption of any employment insurable under the Saudi Social Insurance Law.

—The insured person must have completed 180 insurance months without any other consideration or 120 insurance months of which 36 fall within the last five years immediately preceding the application for pension and the cessation of employment.

The Old-age pension is computed by having the average monthly wage for the last 24 insurance months x the number of insurance years x 1/50. The amount of pension will be added by 10 percent for the first dependant of his family and 5 percent for each second and third dependants.

**Non-occupational disability pension:**  
This will be payable if the following conditions are satisfied:

—If the insured person sustains a non-occupational disability whereby he becomes unable to earn at least one third of his previous wages.

—If the state of disability is presumed by medical assessment to last six months at least.

—If the disability is sustained by the insured person prior to attaining the age of 60 Hijrah calendar years.

—If the disabled person has completed 120 insurance months without any other consideration or 60 insurance months of which 24 fall within the last three years immediately preceding the commencement of the disability.

The amount of the non-occupational disability pension is computed in the same way as the old-age pension, provided the amount of pension should, in this case, be not less than 40 percent of the insured's average monthly wage for the last 24 insurance months. This pension will be payable to the disabled temporarily so long as he satisfies the conditions qualifying for such pension. The non-occupational disability pensioner will be sub-

ject to periodical examination by the Medical Board with a view to ensuring that the state of disability is continued. A pensioner's eligibility for pension will become final as soon as he reaches the age of 60 Hijrah calendar years.

**Heirs pension:**  
This pension will be payable to the heirs of an insured person upon the death of an insured person who satisfied the conditions qualifying for old-age pension or non-occupational disability pension or upon the death of a non-occupational disability pensioner, in which case the heirs prescribed in the Social Insurance Law will be eligible to receive the appropriate pensions.

The heirs eligible for pension are:  
—Widow(s), provided the marriage to the insured person must have been contracted 6 months prior to the death of the insured person if he was in employment, or 12 months before if he was a pensioner.

—Dependent sons or brothers under age 20 Hijrah calendar years. The age is extendable to 25 if these persons are still students in an educational or vocational institute. However, if the son or brother is unable to assume employment by reason of chronic disease or infirmity, the age limit will not apply and he will be paid the annuity as long as such disease or infirmity exists.

—Dependent married daughters and sisters.

—Dependent father who is over 60 and incapable of work.

—Dependent mother

—The embryo

**How to claim benefits:**

—Prior to leaving the Kingdom, the insured person should get a social insurance card bearing his S.I. number. In case he is wrongly allotted more than one number, he should contact the appropriate Field Office or the Overseas Benefits Department to get the right number and cancel the other numbers.

—Upon satisfying any of the foregoing conditions, he should apply in writing for benefit indicating his S.I. number and name of the S.I. Field Office where he was last registered.

—If one fails to remember the name of the last field office, he should forward the application to the Overseas Benefits Department.

—The appropriate GOSI Office will furnish the insured person with the necessary application form along with a list of documents required to be produced.

**How to cash monthly pension:**

—GOSI appropriate office will notify the insured person or his eligible heirs of the entitlement to pension, the amount of pension and the paying agency.

—If a pensioner is entitled to overdue pensions for previous months, a cheque in the sum of the overdue amounts (payable to the pensioner at a bank in his own country) will be associated with the notification.

—The pensioner must pay a monthly visit to the bank designated by GOSI to draw his own pension.

—If a pensioner encounters any difficulty in cashing his pension payment, he should immediately contact the GOSI Overseas Benefits Department for investigating the matter.

**Duties of pensioners or eligible heirs:**

The old-age pensioner must:

—Notify GOSI upon resumption of an insurable employment in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

—Notify GOSI upon changing his address.

—Notify GOSI when he becomes eligible for another pension.

—Complete the Annual Declaration Form provided by GOSI and return it to GOSI in due course.

The non-occupational disability pensioner must:

—Perform the same duties, as required by the old-age pensioner, shown above.

—Present himself to periodical medical examinations at such times as may be fixed by GOSI before he attains the age of 60 Hijrah calendar years.

The eligible heirs must:

—Perform the duties as required by the old-age pensioner.

Notify GOSI immediately upon the marriage of any female heir.

—Notify GOSI upon engagement in any job whatsoever.

—Provide GOSI with a certificate showing that the sons and brothers (students) who are over 20 years of age are still pursuing their studies.

—Provide GOSI with a medical certificate showing that the state of disability of the son or brother who is eligible for pension is continued.

**Contribution refunds (lump sum compensation):**

An insured person is eligible for a lump sum compensation:

—If he attains the age of 60 Hijrah calendar years and leaves insurable employment for at least 6 consecutive months and does not qualify for an old-age pension.

—If it is established that he is afflicted with a non-occupational disability prior to attaining the age of 60 and does not qualify for a non-occupational disability pension.

—If he dies without satisfying the conditions qualifying for pension.

In any of the above cases he should have completed at least 12 insurance months.

In case of death of an insured person, the lump sum compensation will be paid to the eligible widow(s) or in the absence of widow(s) to the eligible sons and daughters, or otherwise to his parents or eligible brothers and sisters, in that order.

If there are two or more persons of the same category, the lump sum will be divided equally among them. The amount of the lump sum compensation will be equivalent to the total contribution deducted from the wages of the insured person at the rate of 5 percent plus a grant of 5 percent of the total amount of such contributions.

**Funeral expense grant:**

If an insured person dies in service and has completed at least six insurance months during the twelve months preceding his death, or if an old-age or non-occupational disability pensioner dies, a grant of 1,000 Saudi Riyals will be paid to the person who undertook to pay the expenses of the funeral.



STORM TROOPERS: Hitler with Storm Troopers. The Storm Troopers were introduced in the early days of the Nazi party to terrorize opposition, especially Communists.

## Berlin keeping Nazi secrets

By Paul Bolding

WEST BERLIN (R) — At the end of a leafy lane in a rural district of West Berlin, an innocuous-looking building houses one of the potentially explosive sets of papers in the world — a huge collection of Nazi party membership and activity records.

Although much of the information in the center's 25 million yellowing papers could damage public figures in East and West Germany, current rules allow open access only to scholars and only where an individual is dead or has been tried for war crimes.

Advancing U.S. troops captured the records at the end of World War II and the "Berlin Document Center" as it is known in English, is still run by the U.S. mission in West Berlin.

Asked whether the U.S. might be accused of protecting war criminals, the center's director, Dan Simon, said that although the files would reveal whether someone was a member of the Nazi party or the Schutzstaffel (SS), this was not a crime. "The files would not show whether someone was responsible for killing people but could confirm that he or she was in a particular unit at a particular time," he said.

Except where someone is dead or has been tried, queries are answered only if sent by "friendly" agencies or governments that may be seeking to verify other information in order to bring a war crimes prosecution, Simon said. "If someone comes to the U.S. government and says they have a case against someone and need access to back it up, we would make that information available," Simon said.

Requests for information from Communist governments are barred, though Simon says he has recommended that they be allowed on a case-by-case basis.

The United States does not initiate inquiries unless it is seeking to verify suspicions that a Nazi war criminal may be living in that country, he added. Simon admits that the fact that the center is run by the U.S. is politically delicate.

"The possibility of handing the records to the (West) German government has been raised but a lot of these people are alive and well in all walks of life. Perhaps the German government is more confident knowing we have responsibility for these files," he told Reuters. U.S. officials say privately they expect the center to be handed over within seven or eight years.

Each of the 10.7 million members of the Nazi party is recorded in triplicate. The original membership document was held in the local Gau (administrative district) and a carbon copy at party headquarters in Munich. Additionally each member signed a statement of allegiance to the party.

As the Nazis saw the end of the Reich approaching they called in the cards from the Gau offices and prepared to destroy them along with the duplicates.

When U.S. troops arrived in Munich they salvaged them all from a paper pulping plant and brought them to Berlin where they stand in a cellar at the Berlin center in their original cabinets, distinctly musty after 40 years.

Party membership numbers had passed 11 million but Simon says the missing 300,000 were probably never issued. There

are individual files on the SS and Sturmabteilung (SA) and the records the Nazis kept on figures from the world of art and culture, as well as some 1.5 million pieces of miscellaneous correspondence.

Even the daily guard rosters at concentration camps are meticulously kept by the 33 staff who work at the center. Some of the records were indexed in 1961 by the computer firm, International Business Machines (IBM), but the work of checking and cross-referencing is still manual and uses the original documents.

In one section clerks are going through the family-tree records of thousands of SS men who were to start Hitler's master race. Each man who planned to marry had to trace his and his bride's families back 200 years to prove they were of Aryan stock.

A total of 300,000 SS membership records provided crucial evidence for the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials between 1946 and 1949 when the center, then in the hands of the army, employed 300 people.

None of the records is allowed to leave the center. Instead details are copied for anyone allowed access.

Of the 4,000 queries a month, two-thirds come from the Bonn government and most of these are checks on personal details like dates of birth where an individual is claiming pension rights.

The Nazis resettled 2.5 million ethnic Germans in their ancestral country, mostly returnees from the Baltic states or the Soviet Union, and the sole proof of their German citizenship lies in the files.

Often the requests arrive because of questions about someone's past.

## Nuclear tribunal pillories U.S. policy

By Tony Catterall

NUREMBERG (LOS) — With an appeal to the conscience and reason of humanity, an international tribunal sitting in Nuremberg has condemned nuclear weapons as incompatible with international law, and criminal.

Given the composition of the jury, it would have been surprising if the verdict had gone any other way. It was also perhaps inevitable that the United States should come in for the heaviest criticism as the organizers. West Germany's radical ecologist party, the Greens, contend that the Cruise and Pershing 2 missiles the U.S. wants to deploy in Western Europe are first-strike weapons.

Although the tribunal was officially "against first-strike weapons and those of mass destruction in East and West," there was very little mention of the Soviet Union, except by implication.

This was because the participants — about 50, including the seven jury members — are convinced that while the Soviet Union is building a first-strike capability, it is only in reply to initial steps in that direction by the U.S.

The planned deployment of Trident II missiles in submarines cruising near the Soviet

Union and particularly the Pershing 2s in West Germany, would, it was said, give Moscow no time to launch a retaliatory strike against the U.S. itself. Thus, witnesses said, the only choice for the Soviets would be a pre-emptive strike against the Pershing 2s, or to fire on suspicion of an attack.

This was only one of many distractions from the central case, which was that whoever holds nuclear weapons, whether in a first-strike or a retaliatory capacity, is violating international law.

In a long address, the emeritus professor of political science at the City University of New York, Dr. John Fried, compared the use of nuclear weapons to the Nazi crimes. If these were illegal, he said, then the use of nuclear weapons which would kill many more innocent civilians must also be illegal.

Even assuming that nuclear weapons are simply weapons like any other — which he rejected — they are illegal under the laws of war. Just one law, Dr. Fried said, would suffice: according to The Hague Regulations of 1907 it is prohibited to use materials causing unnecessary suffering. Other laws, such as the fundamental distinction between combatants and civilians and the prohibition of devastation, also make nuclear weapons

illegal. As to the argument that nuclear warfare is permissible because there is no treaty outlawing it, Dr. Fried said that by such logic everybody would be allowed to commit murder with a pistol — for example — if the criminal code did not specifically prohibit murder by pistol.

Drawing one of the many parallels with the original Nuremberg tribunals after World War II, he said the often used phrase of "total war" had been condemned by the judges as conducting war in "the most barbaric way." Nor, according to the Nuremberg judgments, was it permissible to break international law "even if it results in the loss of a battle or even a war."

He characterized even the holding of nuclear weapons as a threat of war. "But threatening war — any war — is outlawed by the international legal order."

He was one of the few witnesses to stick to his brief. When a Dutch priest on the jury, father Herman Verbeek, asked if Western Europe was not under occupation by a U.S. military dictatorship — a not untypical type of question — Dr. Fried replied that it was not pertinent to the subject.

### ALWAYS FEELING VERY SLEEPY?



Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Why should I bother you with a TV complaint? Yet, I think it's a medical problem with my husband. Whenever we sit together to watch a TV program, it's sure to be spoiled for me by his snoring. He falls asleep within minutes after we sit down. After a few minutes, he wakes up and falls off again. His loud snores interrupt the program and my enjoyment of it. Yet, when I tell him he falls asleep and snores, he denies it. I guess the only remedy for me is to get another TV set and watch in another room. I've also noticed that he occasionally dozes off for a second while driving. We've had close calls, but so far, no accidents. Should he see a doctor? — Mrs. G.

Dear Mrs. G.: Not tomorrow, but today, if possible. A serious auto accident is a greater problem than interruptions of your TV enjoyment. My guess (only a guess) is that your husband suffers from narcolepsy. It's sometimes excusable to fall asleep at a dull lecture in a warm room, but repeated sleep episodes indicate a medical problem.

You'll be interested to know, Mrs. G., the results of recent studies of sleep problems. Over 50 percent of patients did not complain of insomnia; instead, they fell asleep when they didn't want to. The condition is known as hypersomnia. It's characterized by falling asleep in situations such as watching an exciting TV show, sitting around listening to conversation or even during (not after) a meal. Sometimes an electronic device known as polysomnogram is used to make an objective diagnosis. Another serious sleep disorder is known as sleep apnea, in which the patient has a temporary cessation of breathing during sleep. As you can see, Mrs. G., your TV complaint may lead you to solving a major problem: how to stay alive while driving.

### Dr. Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

**MEDICALETES**  
(Replies to and from readers):  
For Mrs. Y.: It's too early to know if the treatment is effective in managing strokes. But a recent report states that administering diluting agents into the bloodstream after a stroke helps the flow of blood to the brain. Then the smaller vessels can take over the job of providing collateral proper circulation. Remember, it's only a preliminary study and may not be indicated treatment in your husband's case.

**Tips on flying**  
A common complication during flying (especially by "first-timers" or anxious patients) is hyperventilation — rapid and deep breathing. Breathing into a paper bag or disconnected oxygen mask helps reduce the rapid heart rate and fear.  
2. Oxygen is available to any passenger who has fainted, who is suffering an asthmatic or epileptic attack or is having chest pains.  
3. Do not fly if you have congestion due to a severe cold. But if flying is necessary, use nose drops or a nasal spray while descending or an oral decongestant one hour before descent.  
4. If you intend to scuba dive on your vacation, allow at least 12 hours between your last dive and boarding a commercial aircraft. This will prevent the "bends" which occur with the escape of nitrogen at low cabin altitudes. Delay between diving and flying should be extended to 24 hours if you have engaged in repeated diving.  
5. Take antinausea sickness drugs before flying. Flying at night reduces the chance of motion sickness. So does taking a seat away from the engines, which decreases the sensation of vibration.  
(Tomorrow: Women smokers get lung cancer)



SHOWMEN: Bob Hope (right) who also tried his hand in free-lance diplomacy with George Burns. These Hollywood veterans have more than a century of show business between them.



## Kuwaiti oil revenue drops by 33 percent

KUWAIT, March 7 (AP) — Kuwait's oil revenues have dropped by nearly 33 percent and its investment income by 22 percent during the last fiscal year, according to a report issued by the country's central bank.

The double-pronged decline, taken to the backdrop of imminent reductions in the price of crude oil and in global interest rates, may leave the Kuwaiti government no way out except the unpopular option of introducing income taxes, observers here said.

The central bank's report, issued over the weekend, said oil revenues fell during the

## Iraq, S. Korea sign trade pact

SEOUL, March 7 (AP) — Iraqi Trade Minister Hassan Ali and South Korean Foreign Minister Lee Bum-Suk Monday signed a bilateral agreement on trade, economic, technical and scientific cooperation. Foreign Ministry officials said.

It was the first such agreement between the two nations since they established consular relations in April 1981, the officials said.

The accord calls for providing most-favored-nation treatment in economic, industrial and scientific cooperation, setting up a joint commission, and encouraging exchanges of technological know-how, they said.

Hassan Ali arrived here Thursday at the invitation of Commerce and Industry Minister Kim Dong-Whie.

first three quarters of the year to \$7.1 billion, down from \$10.7 billion in the corresponding period of 1981.

Investment income, meanwhile, dropped 22 percent, to \$4.6 billion, during the fiscal year ending June 30. This was considerably less than earlier estimates, making it appear certain that recently expressed hopes of balancing the oil price drop by larger investment income will not be fulfilled.

Kuwaiti newspapers have started calling openly for introduction of income taxes, an alternative discounted off hand until now. They have also started airing apprehensions of a triple impact, leading to quicker erosion of surpluses accumulated over past years, through the current free fall in gold prices, which has been going almost hand in hand with crude oil prices.

The Gulf Arab oil producers are believed to have been among the leading investors in gold, and future attempts to bankroll development plans via sales of gold stocks are bound to make the market price of gold slip even more.

The central bank's report and the fears expressed in the Kuwaiti press, which have gone to the extent of predicting political upheavals in the Arab world over the next three months, came after weeks of optimistic official statements in most Gulf Arab capitals.

The Kuwaiti bank's report said that, despite the decline in revenues, government expenditure had shown an increase of 18 percent to \$10.6 billion, largely because of an upturn in development spending.

## U.S. rules out increase in farm exports

WASHINGTON, March 7 (R) — The United States cannot expect to increase farm exports until at least the end of 1984, Agriculture Secretary John Block said Sunday.

He said this was due to the worldwide recession, the relative strength of the dollar, aggressive export policies of competing countries and the European Economic Community's export subsidies.

"All of these added together put American agriculture in a position where we're going to have to work hard to compete," he told the magazine *U.S. and World Report*.

Block said the grain embargo imposed on the Soviet Union by President Carter in 1980 continued to affect U.S. exports.

"The residual effect of the embargo is still hurting us and it's going to hurt us far into the future. We had 70 percent of the Soviet market before... our share plunged to 13 percent overnight." Last year the U.S. share of the Soviet agricultural market reached 35 percent, he added.

## Suez sets toll record

CAIRO, March 7 (R) — The Suez Canal collected a one-day record in tolls Sunday when 76 vessels sailing through the waterway paid \$5 million in fees, the canal authority announced Monday.

Sunday's record was \$1 million more than the previous high reached last month.

## To halt flight of capital Hawke urged to devalue dollar

SYDNEY, March 7 (AP) — Australian banking and business groups have urged the newly elected Australian Labor government led by Bob Hawke to devalue the Australian dollar to stop the flow of capital out of the country.

Hawke who will not be sworn in until Friday, dodged a question on possible devaluation Sunday at a press conference saying it would be irresponsible of him to discuss it.

"You don't do it during a campaign and you don't do it at a press conference," he said.

Australian treasury officials estimate more than \$2 billion has left Australia in the past month, raising fears that overdraft interest rates, now at 13.5 percent, will be forced up rapidly.

David Clarke, managing director of merchant bank Hill Samuel said the government should devalue immediately.

"Labor will have to take quick action since I can't see the recent heavy outflow stopping," he said.

Sydney broker Jim Bain also urged a devaluation saying: "In the last few weeks around 2.5 billion has been sent offshore and probably the only way to bring this to a halt is a large one-off devaluation."

The National Farmers' Federation has also written to Hawke asking for a devaluation.

The exchange rate of the Australian dollar is controlled by the treasury, which has allowed it to sink against the currencies of major trading partners.

The Australian dollar has dropped 1.7 percent against the U.S. dollar since the election was announced Feb. 3. The exchange rate against the U.S. dollar Monday was .9491.

## Taipei to set up bank in Bahrain

TAIPEI, March 7 (CNA) — Under approval of the Republic of China's Finance Ministry and the Bahrain government, the International Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) will soon establish a branch office in Bahrain. Its establishment will effectively promote financial relations between the Republic of China and the Middle East.

Bahrain, situated between Saudi Arabia and Qatar, is an important financial center in the Middle East with many large international banks having already set up their branch offices there. Banks of seven other nations will also set up their branches in Bahrain soon. These branches come from 2 Brazilian banks, 3 Japanese banks and one bank each representing West Germany, the United States, Turkey, Italy and Indonesia.

With the establishment of ICBC's Bahrain branch this nation's financial branch offices in the Middle East will number two. The first one, in Saudi Arabia, was also established by the International Commercial Bank of China.

## SAS adjudged world's best

STOCKHOLM, March 7 (SP) — SAS is the world's best airline in the judgment of Swedish travel agencies, according to a recent independent study by Turistkon-

sult, a Swedish market research company.

In the Turistkonsult poll of 218 agencies, SAS was ranked first by far, with 317 points, ahead of Swissair with 130 points and Lufthansa with 122, for 1982.

In 1981 a similar poll placed SAS third, with 137 points, after Swissair with 187 and Lufthansa with 184.

The poll questioned the travel agencies about the airlines' reservations and information procedures, sales assistance, advertising, punctuality, aircraft standards and onboard service.

The travel agency survey confirms a similar poll last December, in which 90 percent of Swedish business travelers named SAS as their preferred airline in 1982, before Swissair and Lufthansa. Their 1981 poll had also placed SAS third.

The opinion poll reflects SAS's comprehensive investment program — some 140 million Swedish kronor on 150 different projects in the past year and a half — to become the preferred airline of the business traveler, particularly in its home markets.

The investments include service improvements on the ground and in the air, primarily for fullfare economy class passengers, as EuroClass in Europe and First Business Class on intercontinental routes. They also helped SAS become the most punctual airline in Europe and contributed to the airline's record profit last year, after two deficit years.

## Drought spells ruin for S. African farmers

JOHANNESBURG, March 7 (R) — The worst drought this century is driving South Africa's rural population, both black and white, to the edge of ruin.

From the sugar estates of Natal to the farms of the northern Cape, almost the entire country is a bleak picture of parched fields, empty river beds, starving animals and dry waterholes.

Coupled with unrelenting heat, the drought has hit vital crops for the second year running, depriving South Africa of valuable export earnings, and has led to the deaths of thousands of cattle which can find neither food to eat nor water to drink.

On the vast wide plains of the Orange Free State, formerly wealthy white farmers gaze over an endless vista of shrivelled, pathetic corn cobs, while in areas set aside by the government for blacks smallholders watch their cattle starve to death and wonder how they are going to feed their families.

The effects will be felt for years to come. Livestock herds will take four or five years to rebuild before they can be taken to market, and stricken fruit trees will be useless for a many seasons.

According to Johan Willemsse, an economist at the South African Agricultural Union, this season's drought is even worse than the disasters of 1929 and 1933 in certain parts of Transvaal province.

But as he points out, life was much simpler then. Today, farmers have to lay out vast sums of borrowed money for tractors, fertilizers and irrigation equipment.

The union reckons its members have borrowed more than 1.1 billion rand (\$1 billion) to finance the latest crop, but will be unable

to pay back more than 400 million rand (\$370 million) because their income is so low.

With about another 400 million rand (\$370 million) still owed from last season, Willemsse says many farmers are thinking of selling up.

Most existing farmers are unwilling to take on new commitments, and he fears more rural land would be bought by industrial companies as an investment. If this happened, jobs would be lost and small rural communities would disappear.

The government is becoming acutely aware of the drought through its purse. It has pushed economic growth, already sluggish because of the effects of the world recession, into negative figures, and could wipe out up to \$840 million of foreign exchange income.

Already corn producers have said there will be barely enough from this season's six million ton crop to feed the country. In a good season, some four million tons can be exported, earning around \$550 million.

The government has set up a drought relief scheme for the worst hit farmers and last week Finance Minister Owen Horwood said more money would be made available.

However, big farmers partly blame the government for their financial crisis, claiming the cost of their equipment has rocketed, far outstripping returns on their sales, as the government has set up tariff walls to protect young domestic industries.

"We're not against protection — it's needed to foster economic growth," said Willemsse, "but we don't see why we should be the only ones to bear the costs."

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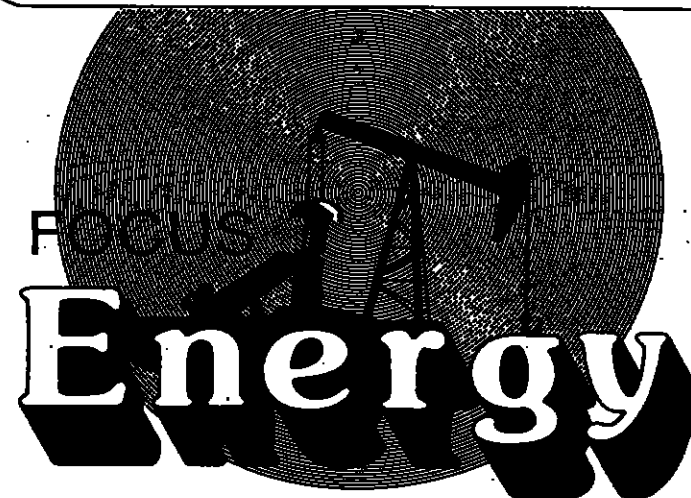
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## On eve of OPEC meeting

## Experts predict oil price boom in '86

LONDON, March 7 (AFP) — Oil prices could shoot up again by 1986 in a stronger market requiring OPEC producers to nearly double the present production to almost maximum capacity, some experts maintain as OPEC ministers assemble here for a crisis meeting.

The 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) are due to meet here Tuesday to consider, and possibly ratify, an understanding on a price-cutting and production strategy.

The OPEC official price for Arabian light crude is \$34 a barrel, but all international experts agree that if the ministers succeed in approving a price cut, the downward movement can only be a temporary phenomenon.

Any such broad reduction in official prices will be the first since OPEC was founded in 1960. In the last 10 years, the price has risen phenomenally. A barrel of Arabian light officially cost \$2.9 in June 1973, \$5.18 in November 1973, \$11.65 January 1974, \$12.09 in January 1977, \$18 in July 1979, \$26 in February 1980, and has been \$34 since October 1981.

But since October 1981, the non-contract price has fallen because of excess supply caused by the recession, and increased exports by new non-OPEC producers such as Mexico, Britain and Norway. Meanwhile, some OPEC members have undermined their organization's price structure by selling contract oil below official prices.

In January 1983 the average price for a

barrel of OPEC oil was \$32.8, representing an increase of 156 percent over December 1978, but a fall of three percent over January 1981. Non-OPEC oil sold at an average price of \$31.8 in January 1983, an increase of 136 percent over December 1978 but a fall of 15 percent over January 1981.

The fall in prices caused Nigeria unilaterally to cut its rates by \$5.5 a barrel on Feb. 19 in response to the decision by Britain and Norway to reduce their North Sea oil to \$30.5 a barrel. North Sea oil competes with Nigerian oil which was earlier priced at \$35.5 a barrel under OPEC's official pricing structure because of its quality and proximity to markets.

By slashing its official prices, Nigeria openly broke ranks with OPEC and forced the organization to take action to solve its crisis. But all analysts agree that the fall in prices cannot last. The improvement in the world economy, expected to gather speed this

year, will increase demand for oil from OPEC countries which are the only producers capable of stepping up output quickly.

A British study has calculated that in 1986 OPEC countries could have a market for 29.8 million barrels a day compared with their production of 15 million in January 1983. OPEC's maximum capacity in 1977 was nearly 31 million barrels a day.

In three years' time, it is calculated, the surplus of supply over demand will not be enough to avoid a sharp increase in prices if there is the slightest tension in the market. For example, even the smallest interruption of supplies caused by the war between two OPEC members — Iran and Iraq, — would have been enough to disrupt the former market and send prices flying.

(Sources for the figures quoted are the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the OPEC secretariat, and the International Energy Agency).

## To meet payments deficit

## Egypt may hike petroleum output

CAIRO, March 7 (AFP) — Egypt, a medium-ranking hydrocarbons producer, is confronted with a chronic payments deficit and a growing external debt, and is seeking to balance its need for hard currency and its desire to put petroleum reserves to best use.

Egypt began exploring its subsoil and maritime resources years ago, but only in the late 1970s — after Israel's return of Sinai's oil-producing areas occupied in 1967 — did it begin drawing dividends from its oil. Over the past three years, hydrocarbons have accounted for an average 65 percent of Egypt's physical exports.

But hydrocarbons are only fourth among Egypt's sources of hard foreign currency, after dues for the use of the Suez Canal, tourism and transfers from emigrants. Egyptians working abroad sent back an estimated \$3 billion last year. Between 1979 and 1982, hydrocarbon export earnings virtually tripled, from \$1.3 billion to \$3.7 billion. Official forecasts are that the 1983-84 financial year will show returns of \$4 billion and that the figure will reach \$5.5 billion in 1985-86.

But these estimates were reduced 10 days ago, because of the drop in oil rates on the international market. Oil Minister Wezzed-din Helal said then that the loss will be \$245 million in 1982-83 and \$500 million in 1983-84.

Egypt, which is not a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, has seen its rates drop on the spot market from \$40 a barrel at one point in 1980 to around \$28 at present. This decline will also contribute to a payments deficit of roughly \$1.3 billion in the 1982-83 financial year. But another factor in that deficit is the government's 1983-87 five-year plan, which involves about \$30 billion of investment.

Beginning next year, Egypt will have to

start repaying its external debt, estimated at \$16 billion. This prospect has been complicated by the fact that exports of traditional items, like fruit, vegetables and cotton, have declined in most cases, and that dues from the canal and income from tourism are stagnating at \$1 billion each year. Moreover, foreign aid is difficult to forecast in view of the recession.

In these circumstances, some economists here think Egypt will be tempted to boost oil output beyond figures that the wells can stand, in order to meet its money requirements. They consider that present extraction of 450 million tons is excessive, bearing in mind the total proven reserves.

In the mid-1970s, annual output was a few million tons, but in 1980 it had reached 29.4 million tons. In 1981, it climbed to 35 million, and by 1983-84 it should be 38.2 million. The authorities contemplate output of one million barrels a day in 1985-86, which would be 50 million tons per year. Geologist Gaoudah Abdullaq believes the current extraction rate is "of benefit to today's Egypt at the expense of future generations."

He calculates that the percentage of output to prove reserves is 7.9 percent, a figure that compares with an average 2.2 percent in OPEC. Most OPEC countries are better placed for oil supplies than Egypt.

## IMF study shows drop in inflation

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AFP) — Inflation slowed down in industrialized countries last year to its lowest level since 1978, according to statistics published here Sunday by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The increase in retail prices in those countries fell from 10 percent in 1981 to 7.4 percent last year, the latest edition of the IMF publication *International Financial Statistics* said. Japan topped the list of nations with low inflation. Its rate dropped from 4.9 percent in 1981 to 2.6 percent in 1982. In second place was West Germany, with 5.3 percent, down from 5.9 percent in 1981.

In the Netherlands, inflation slackened from 6.8 to 5.9 percent, in Switzerland from 6.5 to 5.7 percent, in the United States from 10.4 to 6.2 percent and in France from 13.3 to 12 percent.

But in Belgium, the trend was upward, with inflation going from 7.6 percent to 8.7 percent. New Zealand's inflation rose from 15.3 to 16.2 percent.

## 'U.S. economy pulling out of recession'

WASHINGTON, March 7 (R) — American Stock Exchange Chairman Arthur Levitt said Sunday the U.S. economy was pulling out of recession but would continue to recover only if federal budget deficits declined.

"We're really beginning to get out of this recession... A recovery is beginning that could provide more jobs, lower interest rates and lower levels of inflation than had been expected," he said in a television interview. But he said U.S. companies feared "the other side of the coin could be if these budget deficits continue to escalate, 1984 could bring some very serious results."

The present budget has a predicted deficit of between \$180 and \$200 billion. Levitt said that if the projected trend was right and the shortfall began to narrow in coming years, that would be a good beginning. "I think the emphasis is in the right direction," he said, adding current optimism over the economy was not misplaced. But Levitt urged Congress and the administration to work together to adjust the level of defense spending.

"I think that the business community by and large feel that defense expenditures have to be examined very carefully," Levitt said. President Reagan has proposed a \$1.600 billion arms program over five years to counter what he sees as a big Soviet military buildup.

## Soviet efforts to improve job safety standards

MOSCOW, March 7 (AP) — The Kremlin campaign for industrial efficiency is taking aim at lax job safety standards that lead to factory accidents in the rush to meet production goals.

Since he became Communist Party chief last November, Yuri V. Andropov has repeatedly emphasized the need for more efficient production and tighter worker discipline.

The supervisor of an all-woman shop crew at a Moscow machine tool factory took her complaints about dangerous tools directly to Andropov when he visited the production line last month. "We have grinders but they weigh two kilograms (4.4 pounds) and vibrate so much that a worker is shaken from head to toe," T.A. Komarova was quoted as saying in the party daily *Pravda*.

A year ago, Soviet sources said a roof collapsed at the same factory, killing 10 workers. "It is useless to ask workshop managers to improve safety because there is only one answer to any complaint: 'We have to make our quota,'" a Soviet worker said in a newspaper article about accidents at a rubber factory in Sverdlovsk.

Soviet authorities usually do not release reports on accidents of any kind but the government says that since 1975, the job injury rate has decreased by 24.2 percent and occupational diseases by 29 percent.

Because of a shortage of machinery and tools, about half the Soviet Union's 130 million workers are employed in manual tasks, making them far less productive and more injury-prone than workers in capitalist countries. A national safety program calls for a study of ways to eliminate the hazards of vibrating tools, noise, polluted air, inflammables and explosives, electric shock and radioactive fuel at nuclear power plants. Some 530 research organizations controlled by 79 ministries are involved in the program.

## Franc eases, mark see-saws

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 7 — The American currency opened on a mixed note on the European Monday markets with the French franc easing back to 6.9800 levels after a bout of selling prior to the final outcome of the French municipal elections. The German mark see-sawed on profit taking but still remained at the 2.3810 levels after the decisive conservative election victory in Germany.

Dealers said, however, that the major factors that continue to affect the markets were the outcome of the OPEC meeting and the tone of U.S. money markets in the coming few days. The rise in the U.S. weekly money supply figures last weekend still made dealers hesitate in forecasting with certainty whether Eurodollar interest rates will come down or not. With the "Fed fund" prime lending rates still at the 8 1/2 percent level, the possibility of a cut in the U.S. discount rate seems remote for the time being except that the recent state of good economic news from the U.S. has tended to push interest rates down.

In the bullion markets, gold and silver prices were steady at first but fell back later with silver prices losing around 20-30 cents an ounce. Gold was trading at \$421 with silver at \$10.44. Dealers are nervously awaiting to see if the New York markets will

continue the present trend. In Europe the French franc fell to the 6.8900 levels causing the French central bank to intervene — the first such move in more than a week. The British pound was steady however at 1.5160 levels with the Bank of England only marginally supporting the currency, but with the pound still awaiting to see how the OPEC oil meetings go. The Japanese yen was stable around 234.80 levels while the Swiss franc traded at the higher levels of 2.0310.

The domestic markets were also steady on Monday but most dealings again concentrated in the short periods. The week fixed traded at around the 6 1/4 - 7 1/4 percent while the one month JIBOR traded at the 7 - 7 1/2 percent level. Dealers said that liquidity could still be found in the market and overnight funds were easy to come by at the 6 - 6 1/2 percent levels. In the exchanges, spot rial/dollar levels were traded feebly at the 3.4400-02 levels all day.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):  
London 421.00  
Paris 427.77  
Frankfurt 422.01  
Zurich 421.00  
Hong Kong 421.94

## Trade gap widens

## Drought, insects cripple Nepal's farm production

KATMANDU, March 7 (AFP) — Inadequate rainfall coupled with insect infestation in the last monsoon have contributed to a big drop in agricultural production, Nepal's main export, and wrought havoc on the Nepalese economy.

Last year's drought brought a serious fall in rice production and the country, known as the "green belt of Asia," now faces a total deficit of some 500,000 tons of grain. The agricultural shortfall is also causing a big trade gap this year as agriculture makes up 62 percent of Nepal's gross domestic product, occupying 90 percent of the population and representing 80 percent of its export volume.

Only 15 percent of the cultivable area in this landlocked Kingdom is covered by an irrigation system while the other 85 percent is dependent on monsoon rain. Thus, the Nepalese farmers suffer from both excessive and inadequate rainfall. This year's wheat harvest, the major winter crop, has been termed a "complete failure" by farmers in the southeastern region. They blamed

unscrupulous officials for selling adulterated wheat as "improved wheat seed" and pocketing the difference, adding that the officials had escaped punishment.

Helping to forestall famine will be a pledge of 80,000 tons of food assistance from foreign countries, while India has loaned 10,000 tons of rice, reimbursable in the second half of 1983. Last Monday, two agreements were signed here with Japan providing for a grant of \$13 million for Nepalese agricultural developments.

Nepalese Finance Minister Dr. Yadav Prasad Pant said "the response to our quest for food aid has been very positive and satisfactory." Rapid deforestation in both the hilly regions and the plains has caused a great deal of ecological damage bringing with it landslides and floods, and adversely affecting food production.

Another burning issue here is the rapid population growth of 2.6 percent against a food production rise of only 0.78 percent annually. Since 1980, some 80,000 Indians have migrated yearly to Nepal, coming mostly from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 p.m. Monday	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.25	9.15
Bangladesh Taka	14.20	14.20
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.00	73.30
Canadian Dollar		2.83
Deutsche Mark (100)	144.30	144.10
Dutch Guilder (100)	131.00	130.16
Egyptian Pound	3.15	3.11
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.75	93.75
French Franc (100)	51.00	50.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	38.00	41.60
Indian Rupee (100)		34.63
Israeli Ryal (100)		
Irani Dinar		5.80
Italian Lira (10,000)	25.00	24.80
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	14.77
Jordanian Dinar	9.75	9.72
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.85	11.81
Lebanese Lira (100)	84.60	84.21
Moroccan Dirham (100)	53.00	54.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.80
Philippines Peso (100)		36.47
Round Sterling	5.26	5.23
Qatari Riyal (100)	95.00	94.70
Singapore Dollar (100)		165.81
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		26.46
Swiss Franc (100)	170.00	169.30
Syrian Lira (100)	62.00	61.60
Turkish Lira (1,000)		
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.15	75.15

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## SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Interior Ministry, Department of Jails	Renovations & electrical works at the Reformatory in Makkah	18/M/N	500	Apr. 9
"	Carry out roof insulation for the jails of Abha, Khamsi Mushair & Dhahran Al-Janoob	19/M/N	200	Apr. 10
"	Construction of an internal fence, room, sun-shade etc. for Tabuk's jail	20/M/N	500	Apr. 11
"	Construction of 6 halls & 5 bath-rooms for Makkah's jail	21/M/N	500	Apr. 12

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3	Wakatake Maru	Alireza	Mobil Plant	6.3.83
4	Salah 2	O.C.E.	Marble/General	6.3.83
5	Maldive Prize	O'Trade	Sorghum/Maize	3.3.83
6	Char Ming	Abdullah	Contr/General	6.3.83
8	Aquamarine	O.C.E.	Bag Food/Barley	2.3.83
9	Golden Riyadh	El Havi	Contr/Steel	6.3.83
10	Al Farabi	SSMSC	Bulk Oil	5.3.83
12	Waheed	Abdullah	Containers/Gen.	3.3.83
15	Ming Autumn	Gulf	Tim/General	6.3.83
16	Ming Hope	Mirco	Containers	6.3.83
17	Arab Mazin	S.C.S.A.	Timber/Tiles	6.3.83
18	Frontinus	Robeco	Bulk Cement	27.1.83
19	Kiwi Arrow	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	5.3.83
20	Barber Parous	Barber	Pipes/Gen.	5.3.83
22	Saudi Jamal	M.E.S.A.	Gen./Poles	28.2.83
23	Aqua Glory	Algezarah	Lumber/Bldg. Mat.	5.3.83
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25	Futami Maru	Alireza	Steel Pipe	4.3.83
27	Kota Wangi	O.C.E.	Bagged Food/Gen.	2.3.83
28	Mavro Vetranc	O'Trade	Sorghum/Maize	4.3.83
32	Africa Freezer	O.C.E.	Reefer	28.2.83
35	Bdanskil	Attar	Contr/Gen.	4.3.83
40	Maldive Jade	O'Trade	Rice/General	27.2.83
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22	Saudi Jeddah	Orri	General
23	Kuwait Express	Gosabli	Contr/Mobil
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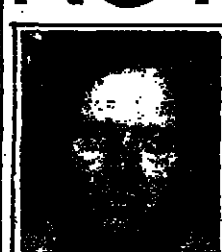


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## Nets knock the shine off high-riding Sixers

NEW YORK, March 7 (AP) — The New Jersey Nets, after taking some of the luster off Philadelphia's storybook season, didn't lose any respect for the 76ers.

"Let's not be brainwashed by this win," forward Buck Williams said after hitting 10 of 14 shots, scoring 22 points and pulling down 15 rebounds in New Jersey's 112-106 triumph Sunday over the 76ers. "Philadelphia is a great team."

"The biggest factor to beat them (Philadelphia) is that everyone has to play well," Nets coach Larry Brown said. "And that was the case."

It was the second consecutive loss for the 50-76ers, the first time this season they have lost twice in a row. No National Basketball Association team has ever made it through a season without losing two straight.

Elsewhere in the NBA, Washington beat Atlanta 102-91. Chicago trimmed Indiana 106-98. Kansas City crushed San Diego 144-105. San Antonio downed Cleveland 117-98 and Utah stopped Portland 110-105.

## NBA standings

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Philadelphia	50	9	.847	—
Boston	43	16	.729	7
New Jersey	38	22	.633	12 1/2
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Washington	27	32	.458	23
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	W	L	Pct	Gb
Milwaukee	40	21	.656	—
Atlanta	31	30	.508	9
Detroit	28	32	.467	11 1/2
Chicago	22	39	.361	18
Indiana	16	44	.262	23 1/2
Cleveland	16	45	.262	24
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
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	W	L	Pct	Gb
San Antonio	38	24	.613	—
Denver	33	30	.524	5 1/2
Kansas City	31	29	.517	6
Portland	30	31	.492	7 1/2
Utah	23	40	.365	15 1/2
Houston	11	50	.180	29 1/2
PACIFIC DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	Gb
Los Angeles	43	16	.729	—
Phoenix	37	24	.607	7
Portland	35	26	.574	9
Seattle	33	28	.541	11
Golden State	24	38	.387	20 1/2
San Diego	20	42	.323	24 1/2

**Bullets 102, Hawks 91:** Jeff Ruland and Rick Mahorn paced a 49-28 rebounding advantage as Washington broke Atlanta's six-game winning streak. Ruland had 25 points and 15 rebounds, while Mahorn added 17 points and 17 rebounds for the Bullets.

**Spurs 117, Cavaliers 98:** Artis Gilmore scored 23 points while playing only in the first three quarters of San Antonio's victory against Cleveland. Gilmore hit nine of his 11 shots from the field as the Spurs led 92-74 after three periods.

**Bulls 106, Pacers 98:** Reggie Theus scored 28 points as Chicago handed Indiana its ninth straight defeat. The Bulls led by as many as 18 points in the second quarter, but the Pacers chipped away at the deficit and finally trimmed it to two early in the fourth quarter as Indiana scored 11 straight points.

**Jazz 110, Blazers 105:** John Drew scored 10 of his game-high 31 points in the fourth quarter to lead Utah over Portland. The Jazz, winners of four of their last six games despite a 23-40 overall mark, outscored the Trail Blazers 22-17 in the final period.

## Warwick fastest in practice run

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, March 7 (AP) — England's Derek Warwick in a Toleman-Hart turbo set the fastest time of a final three-day testing session here prior to the Brazilian Grand Prix, which opens the Formula One racing season here next Sunday.

Warwick's Toleman set a pace of 1 minute, 35.17 seconds around the 3.125-mile (5 km) Jacarepagua Raceway, leading 19 drivers who tested their cars here over the weekend. The 1981 world champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil lowered his time late Sunday to take second place with a 1:35.37 in his Brabham-BMW turbo.

Another turbo took third place, as Italy's Andrea de Cesaris set a 1:35.6 in his Alfa Romeo. The top non-turbo runner was twice world champion Niki Lauda of Austria, who registered a 1:35.9 in his McLaren. Last year's champion, Keke Rosberg of Finland, finished in seventh place with a 1:37.35 in his Williams-Cosworth.

Ricardo Patrese of Italy, in his Brabham-BMW, and Jean-Pierre Jarier, in his Ligier-Cosworth, finished ahead of Rosberg.

## In cruiserweight bout

## De Leon puts paid to Spinks' title hopes

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, March 7 (AP) — Carlos de Leon dealt a crushing blow to Leon Spinks' cruiserweight title aspirations when he stopped the former heavyweight champion after the sixth round of their scheduled 10-round fight Sunday.

De Leon, the former World Boxing Council cruiserweight champion, put himself in line for a rematch against S.T. Gordon when referee Arthur Mercante stopped the bout after the round had ended because Spinks' left eye was closing.

De Leon's manager, Carl King, said De Leon would fight Gordon by June in the weight class with a 195 pound (88.5 kg) limit. Gordon took the cruiserweight crown from De Leon last June with a second-round knockout. King's father, Don King, promotes Gordon, who made his first title defense last month against Jesse Burnett. On Sunday, De Leon boosted his record to 35-2-1 with 24 knockouts.

Spinks, 29, who won the heavyweight crown from Muhammad Ali in February 1978 only to lose it in a rematch seven months later, fell to 12-4-2.

De Leon, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and ranked seventh by the WBC, was in command when the fight was stopped. Judge Phil Newman had De Leon ahead 5-1 and



Leon Spinks... stopped in stride  
Frank Brunette had him leading 4-2, while judge Richard Murry scored it 3-3.  
De Leon, 23, was the quicker fighter, surprisingly effective inside. He allowed

Spinks to trap him against the ropes and then hammered his older opponent with body punches and uppercuts.

"I knew he could hurt me so I wanted to take the guts out of him," De Leon said through a translator. "He has a tendency to get tired late in the fight. It was the uppercuts that gave him trouble."

Although Spinks opened the fight by pressing De Leon, he could not deliver powerful combinations. "I caught him with a good right hand in the first round," said Spinks, who became a cruiserweight in 1981 after suffering a third round knockout against WBC heavyweight champion Larry Holmes. "But I was overanxious. I let him slip away." Spinks said. "Yeah, this is the first time I fought a guy who was as fast as me."

Mercante said he stopped the fight because Spinks "was unable to continue. His eye was totally closed," Mercante said. "There was no point in continuing. He certainly was not disappointed that I stopped it."

De Leon won the cruiserweight title when he defeated Marvin Camel in November 1980. He defended the crown successfully in a rematch with Camel before losing it to Gordon.

## With a two-stroke triumph

## Miller weathers Nicklaus' late storm

LAUDERHILL, Florida, March 7 (AP) — Johnny Miller turned back Jack Nicklaus' late bid with a no-bogey 3-under-par 69 to score a two-stroke victory Sunday in the Honda-Inverrary Golf Classic.

Miller acquired the 22nd victory of his American tour career — a career that reached a peak in his glory years of the mid-



Miller... second crown at Inverrary

'70s — with a 278 total, 10 strokes under par on the wind-swept Inverrary Country Club Course.

Miller's victory, worth \$72,000 from the total purse of \$400,000, was Miller's second at Inverrary. He started his comeback from a four-year, non-winning slump with his triumph here in 1980.

Nicklaus, in a farewell performance on a course that has been one of the most productive of his unmatched career, surged past 27 players with a closing 66 and claimed second at 280. "Sure, there's a certain nostalgia knowing you'll never play another tournament round here," said Nicklaus, holder of a record 17 major professional titles and generally regarded as the finest player the game has produced.

Mike Donald, who holed a bunker shot for a birdie on the 18th. Mike Sullivan and Fred Couples tied for third at 281. Sullivan had a 70, Donald and Couples 71.

Tom Kite recorded a fourth consecutive top-10 finish with a closing 69. He was tied at 282 with PGA champion Jay Floyd. Hal Sutton and Wayne Levi came back from their third-round 78 to 71. Sutton shot 71 and Levi 74.

Gary Koch, a winner at Doral last week and the leader through three rounds here.

blew to a 76, including 41 on the front side, and finished well back at 283. With Koch collapsing, Miller quickly took command. His birdie on the third hole gave him the top spot and he held it the rest of the way.

Nicklaus applied the pressure with his run over the back nine, which he played in 32. But it wasn't quite good enough.

Miller lost a shot with a bogey on the 12th and, when Nicklaus finished, only one shot separated them. But Johnny chipped close and birdied the 15th, giving him two in hand with only three to play.

Those went by to pars, winning pars, but not necessarily routine pars. He had to back away from a second shot on the 17th when a resounding roar echoed down the condo canyons from the 18th, a salute to Donald's sand shot.

And, on the 18th, his tee shot seemed to be heading for deep trouble in the trees, but his tee trunk and bounced back toward the fairway, giving him a clear shot and virtually clinching the title.

## Middleton crosses 300 mark in NHL

NEW YORK, March 7 (AP) — Rick Middleton scored his 300th career goal 34 seconds into the game, then gave Boston a 3-0 lead with his 37th goal of the season to launch the Bruins to a 5-2 National Hockey League victory over the Edmonton Oilers Sunday night.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Ron Flockhart and Paul Holmgren scored second-period goals and Niko Sinisalo scored twice to lead the Philadelphia Flyers to a 5-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Peter Stastny scored three goals, while his younger brother Anton had a goal and two assists, to lead the Quebec Nordiques to their first victory in Hartford in nearly four years, a 7-3 decision over the Whalers.

Anis Savard scored a pair of first-period goals and assisted on another to lift the Chicago Black Hawks to a 5-4 victory over the Montreal Canadiens in an action-packed contest. Buffalo left wing Tony McKenney netted his 30th and 31st goals of the season to lead the Sabres to a 6-4 win over the Detroit Red Wings.

Minnesota's Steve Payne and George Ferguson scored three goals apiece as the North Stars rode a five-goal explosion in the first period to an easy 8-3 victory over the Los Angeles Kings in Bloomington.

Darcy Rota scored two goals for the second straight night and the Vancouver Canucks outskated and outchecked the listless Winnipeg Jets for a 6-2 victory. And Jeff Larmer collected two goals and an assist as the New Jersey Devils downed the New York Rangers 6-4.

## Seven-A-Side Rugby

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 7 — Twelve teams will be seen in action in the Jeddah RFC-Tyotoa Seven-A-Side Rugby competition, which commences at the Benson and Hedges Park, South Creek, on Friday.

The teams are clubbed in four groups — three teams in a group — with the top two teams qualifying for the quarterfinal draw. The third teams will contest the plate competition. The teams participating include Jeddah RFC, the Eagles, winner of the Alkhorbar Sevens, Yanbu, winner of the Jeddah Social Sevens, Riyadh, Dhahran, Taif, Jubail, Ras Tanura and Udhayliah.

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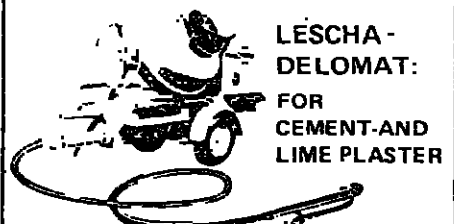
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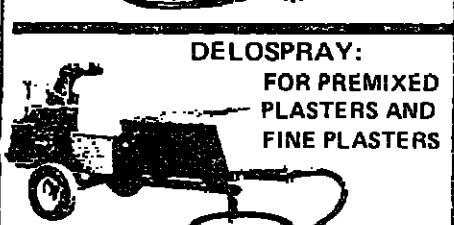
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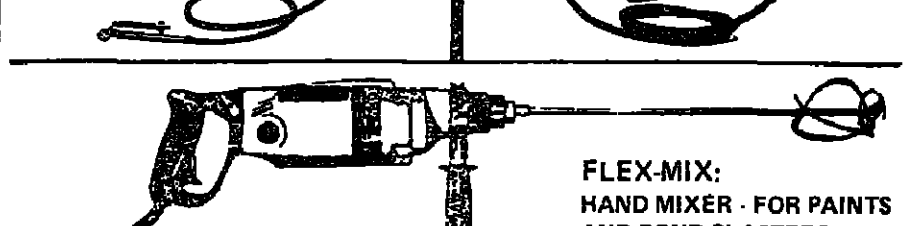
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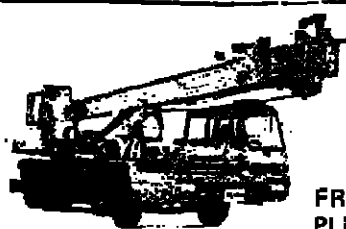
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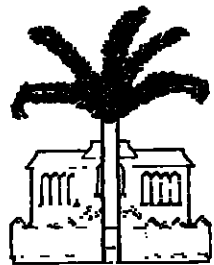
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## As immigrants, natives 'plan attacks' Tension heightens in Assam area

NEW DELHI, March 7 (AFP) — Tension was at a new pitch in Assam's Nowgong district Monday as the Indian Army staged shows of strength and conducted limited search operations and the state government in Gauhati made sweeping changes in the administration, reports here said.

"They are all planning attacks: The immigrants and the natives," a correspondent in Gauhati told Agence France-Presse by telephone. Several senior officials of the administration have left for Nowgong and details would be known only after they returned, he said.

The heightened tension in Nowgong followed the unraveling of the second worst massacre reported from the troubled northeastern state in which at least 190 rotting corpses were discovered in a cluster of villages in the Mangaldai subdivision of Darrang district.

Survivors of the daylong carnage told journalists that between 900 and 1,000 persons might have perished in the killing that took place around last week of February, but came to light only on Saturday. The last officially admitted overall toll in the violence was 1,127 but at least 1,700 have died in Assam with the unofficial count nearing 3,700.

Nowgong, where up to 1,000 persons were slain Feb. 18-19 in the Nellie area, and Darrang and Lakhimpur are the worst-affected districts in Assam's four-year-old student-led anti-immigrant protest which had sought to block the holding of the polls to the state assembly Feb. 14-20.

Meanwhile, with the state relatively calm for three days, Chief Minister Hiteswar Saikia on Sunday ordered sweeping changes in the administration transferring senior civil and police officers and sending some on leave.

The deputy commissioners of Darrang, Nowgong and Lakhimpur districts had been transferred and the superintendents of police of Nowgong and Darrang had been replaced. Saikia told an AFP correspondent in Gauhati.

Saikia, who visited relief camps at Nellie and in Darrang's Gohpur area Sunday, said the people living there had agreed to go back to their homes and many had already begun to return. Some 40,000 refugees fled to neighboring West Bengal and Arunachal Pradesh states following the clashes.

The anti-immigrant protesters have warned against any move to bring back the refugees and pledged to resist it.

Meanwhile, opposition leader Atal Behari Vajpayee demanded the suspension of the Assam legislature and imposition of federal rule in the state to pave the way for resumption of talks on the immigrants issue.



EXODUS: Survivors of arson and massacre in Rangaloo village in the Indian state of Assam flee to neighboring states.

## U.S. magazines said banned

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AFP) — A spokesman for *Newsweek* Sunday confirmed that the U.S. magazine's March 7 edition, reporting on massacres in the northeastern Indian state of Assam, was not on sale in New Delhi. But Indian authorities have not formally announced a ban against it, *Newsweek* publicity director Neil Hershberg said.

According to reports from the Indian capital, sales of *Newsweek* and *Time*, another U.S. news magazine, have been forbidden because of their coverage of the violence triggered by the inclusion of Muslim immigrants on voter rolls. An estimated 1,700 to 3,700 immigrants have been slaughtered, the Press Trust of India has reported.

"We have been banned in India in the past but this time we are not aware of anything," *Newsweek*'s spokesman said.

In New Delhi, copies of two Indian newsmagazines — *India Today* and *Sunday* — were also not available at the bookshops of the four top hotels where the heads of state assembled for the nonaligned summit are staying. They had carried grisly photographs of the massacres in Assam.

## Elizabeth ending U.S. visit

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, California, March 7 (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II prepared to leave California Monday after 10 days of storms and cheering crowds ended with a peaceful mountain weekend marked by the deaths of three secret service men guarding the royal party.

The queen and Prince Philip were to depart on a two-hour flight to Seattle, Washington, from Castle Air Force Base near Merced

aboard *Air Force Two*, a presidential jet made available for her use.

After a day in Seattle, the royal couple were scheduled to sail for Victoria, Canada, aboard the royal yacht, *Britannia*.

The queen and Philip spent the weekend walking around Yosemite National Park. Yosemite National Park is a 761,000-acre preserve in east-central California owned and operated by the U.S. government.

## Big changes in Australia ruled out

SYDNEY, March 7 (R) — Australia's Labor Party began Monday to take over the reins of power but made clear there would be no immediate sweeping changes after its general election victory.

Incoming Prime Minister Bob Hawke, who won a majority of at least 23 seats in Saturday's poll, had promised all-round tax cuts, increased pensions and deal with the unions

to limit wage rises and keep prices down. But Hawke, 53, a former trade union leader, said after his election that Labor's plans would depend on the position which it inherited. "There will be no wild change," he said, adding that a report on the country's finances prepared by senior civil servants was "obviously very important in terms of how we are able to move."

He was expected to be sworn in as prime minister Friday, when he will announce the new government line-up. Until then, the beaten Malcolm Fraser and his Liberal-National Party coalition will stay on in a caretaker role. With postal and country district votes still being counted, the state of the parties in the 125-seat lower house was Labor 74, Liberals 32, National Party 16 and three undecided.

### New economic

spread. Mankind watches in frozen fear, hoping against hope that it will not strike. Mrs. Gandhi strongly attacked Israel for its aggressive actions in the Middle East and appealed for the restoration of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

Addressing the largest ever gathering of heads of state in the world, the Indian leader said that all 101 members of the movement were "one mind in support for the brave, homeless and much-harassed Palestinian people."

"Israel feels free to commit any outrage, unabashed in its aggression, unrepentant about its transgression of international law and behavior. But can it forever obstruct the legitimate rights of the Palestinians," she asked.

## Delhi summit journalists kept at bay

NEW DELHI, March 7 (R) — Journalists from across the globe covering the nonaligned summit are complaining that a blockade of security measures and red tape is isolating them from Third World leaders.

Indian security for the summit reached new peaks Monday when officials scoured the media center next to the summit conference hall with torches and metal detectors. Security men peered under chairs, in cracks in woodwork, and even behind the two-meter (six foot) diameter nonaligned symbol hanging over the dias where Indian officials brief reporters.

Puzzled pressmen gathered to watch the search as nonaligned leaders held their inaugural summit session. Indian newspapers have published a series of front-page articles criticizing the intense security. One of them charged that the world's press had been harassed.

The *Statesman* newspaper, under the headline "no freedom for press," said reporters, cameramen, radio and television crews had become prisoners in their own media center adjoining the heavily guarded conference complex. The daily said it wondered whether this was a foretaste of the new world information order recommended by developing states.

More than 1,500 newsmen have descended on the Indian capital for the biggest gathering of Third World leaders in history.

All but a few reporters and cameramen have been barred from the Vigyan Bhawan (house of knowledge) conference complex which is ringed by heavily armed troops and sandbag fortifications. The *Statesman* commented: "Vigyan Bhawan is as rigorously out of bounds as any conclave of cardinals."

Nearly all the journalists are confined to the media complex where they are briefed on summit proceedings by an official Indian spokesman. Parts of the summit sessions are being shown on closed-circuit television.

Officials said security for about 70 kings, princes, presidents and government leaders also meant that media access had to be restricted. But the *Statesman* complained that all the news coming out of the conference was effectively filtered first.

Third World states, critical of the preponderance of news from the industrialized West, want to increase information about developing countries. One target of journalists' complaints is a computer which is supposed to channel requests for interviews with visiting heads of state and ministers.

The *Times of India* said one newsmen had made 25 applications for interviews and received only one response. The *Hindustan Times* reported that the few interviews arranged by the computer were blocked by Indian government red tape.

### Pope in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY, March 7 (R) — Pope John Paul arrived Sunday night in Guatemala, a military-ruled country whose Protestant president last week ignored Vatican pleas to spare the lives of six alleged leftist guerrillas. The firing squad executions which the pope condemned with "immense pain" have cast a shadow over the visit.

But the pontiff chose not to mention them as he shook hands with President Efraín Rios Montt at his arrival from El Salvador. As in the neighboring war-torn country, he appealed for peace, justice and reconciliation in Central America's bloody conflicts.

## From page one

To underline the legitimacy of the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, dressed in military uniform and his traditional headgear, received thunderous applause from hundreds of delegates.

The conference, held under tight security in a big crimson-carpeted hall, resembled the United Nations without the big powers and their rallies. It was formally opened by outgoing Chairman Fidel Castro of Cuba.

President Linden Forbes Burnham of Guyana, speaking on behalf of Latin America, said the movement formed a protective shield around its members.

King Hussein of Jordan called for the revival of the role played by the nonaligned movement in solving world problems.

### Mubarak

He said Mubarak and Hussein did not arrange further meetings but "agreed on the importance of continuing consultations at all levels."

El-Baz said the two leaders discussed the need for "fast movement" by the Arabs, particularly Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization, to join broadened American-mediated peace negotiations with Israel on a Palestinian settlement.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, denouncing the U.S. for backing Israel, called on the nonaligned summit Monday to set up a committee to work for Palestinian rights.

Arafat told the summit PLO sought the support of the 101-member movement to achieve a durable and lasting Middle East peace.

Barbie recovering after surgery

Barbie, who was expelled from Bolivia on Feb. 5, has been told that he will be charged with crimes against humanity concerning his activities as Gestapo chief in Lyons from 1942 to 1944.

The radio said Barbie might be moved to a military hospital in the area. The medical sources said Barbie had complained of hernia twice while in Bolivia. They said his nervous condition — polynueritis — was uncomfortable but not serious.

The sources said that Barbie, who was twice convicted and sentenced to death in absentia by French courts for war crimes charges in the 1950s, had complained of being unwell after a visit from his daughter Ute Messner on Saturday.

# GLOBAL WEATHER

	Min	Max		Min	Max				
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Amsterdam	7	45	11 52	cloudy	Manila	42	72	31 88	clear
Athens	5	41	16 61	clear	Mexico City	7	45	26 79	clear
Bahrain	14	57	19 66	cloudy	Miami	23	73	25 77	cloudy
Bangkok	25	77	31 88	clear	Montreal	-6	21	8 46	cloudy
Beirut	11	52	17 63	clear	Moscow	-12	10	-10 30	clear
Berlin	8	46	9 48	cloudy	New Delhi	10	50	25 77	clear
Brussels	4	39	10 50	cloudy	New York	4	39	10 50	rain
Buenos Aires	21	70	29 84	clear	Nicosia	3	37	9 48	clear
Cairo	6	43	26 61	cloudy	Oslo	-1	30	2 36	clear
Caracas	19	66	30 86	cloudy	Paris	6	43	10 50	cloudy
Chicago	12	54	21 70	rain	Peking	2	36	7 45	clear
Copenhagen	5	41	7 45	cloudy	Rio de Janeiro	21	70	31 88	cloudy
Dublin	4	39	11 52	cloudy	Rome	9	48	15 59	cloudy
Frankfurt	7	45	9 48	cloudy	San Francisco	0	32	16 61	clear
Geneva	-4	25	12 54	clear	Seoul	1	34	5 41	clear
Helsinki	-6	21	0 32	cloudy	Singapore	24	75	34 93	clear
Hong Kong	14	57	16 61	cloudy	Sydney	21	70	82 188	clear
Jakarta	22	72	32 90	cloudy	Taipei	11	52	17 63	rain
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	35 95	clear	Tokyo	3	37	10 50	cloudy
London	5	41	14 57	cloudy	Toronto	4	39	10 50	rain
Los Angeles	15	59	22 72	cloudy	Vancouver	5	41	13 55	cloudy
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